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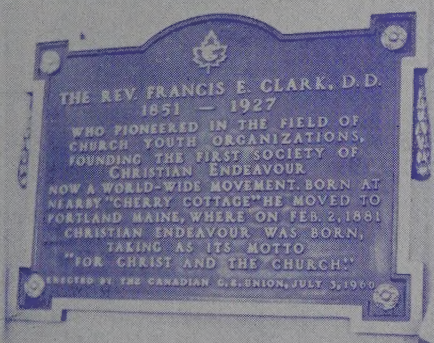
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OTTAWA REPORT

The Story of Christian Endeavor's Citizenship Convocation July 1-3 in Canada's Capital City—Ottawa

Over 200 youth and leaders of youth in all sections of the United States and Canada and Mexico participated in Christian Endeavor's Citizenship Convocation July 1-3 in Ottawa, Ontario.

Convocation sessions were held in the famous Chateau Laurier hotel, adjacent to Parliament Hill. Delegates registered throughout the day July 1, with Mrs. W. Webster of Ottawa serving as registrar. The Convocation began with dinner in the Banquet Room on Friday evening. Songster was Cecil A. Jeffery, extension secretary of the International Society, with Bert Day of Ontario as pianist. Messages of welcome were given by Mary Campbell, president, Canadian Union; Clyde Sherk, Ontario Union president; and William T. Webster of Ottawa, who made many local arrangements. Jane Anne Dunlop, Canadian citizenship winner, gave the youth witness.

Speaker at the opening session was Rev. George G. Connolly of Ottawa, field secretary of the Christian Education Committee of the Montreal-Ottawa and Bay of Quinte conferences of the United Church of Canada. He pointed out that there is a difference between being a "good" citizen and being a "Christian" citizen. The Christian citizen must sometimes oppose the law and word and deed challenge the opinions and practices that are common in his community.

Mr. Connolly closed by saying, "We must cherish our freedom and use it in such a way that the rights of individuals to live as children of God may be perpetually safeguarded in our lands and extended beyond our borders until this becomes the lot of men everywhere. These are the mini-

mum essentials for Christian citizenship."

Following dinner delegates enjoyed a night visit to Parliament Hill for Dominion Day activities, including the "Sunset Ceremony" presented by the Royal Canadian Navy and a massed band concert by the Armed Services.

At 10:15 P.M. delegates returned to the Chateau to participate in "talk-it-over" groups—six small, intimate, conversational groups discussing the dimensions of Christian citizenship. Group leaders were Frances M. Becker (Pennsylvania), Phyllis G. Brown (Virginia), Elwood Dunn (Michigan), Dr. Earle W. Gates (New York), Timothy J. Kribs (Indiana), and Mary Moffitt (Texas).

Saturday, July 2

Early Saturday morning, July 2, delegates wended their way to scenic Nepean Point, on the banks of the Ottawa River, to begin the day with the Quiet Hour service. Following singing led by James G. Laing of Ontario, delegates were challenged by Rev. E. Earle Eaton of Galt, Ontario, minister of the Presbyterian Churches of Sheffield and Kirkwall. Basing his message on John 14, Mr. Eaton stressed that the only way in life that is surely right is the Christian way.

Next event was a walking tour of Parliament Hill, including visits to the House of Commons, the Senate Chamber, the Library of Parliament and the Peace Tower with its Memorial Chamber. It was a special thrill to see the colorful ceremony of the changing of the Guard, in full dress uniform, which followed.

After another "talk-it-over" session, delegates enjoyed lunch together, with a program directed by Dr. Clyde W. Meadows, president of the International Society. Two



Photos by Alice Oswald

The final Convocation session was held at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Aylmer, Quebec, just across the river from Ottawa. During the service the Canadian Union dedicated a plaque in memory of Dr. Francis E. Clark, who attended this church as a boy. He was born at nearby Cherry Cottage.

delegates from Mexico City, Mr. and Mrs. David Herrera, were introduced. They presented a special banner to the Canadian Union, and invited all to attend the Third Pacific Area Conference of the World's Union in Mexico City August 17-20.

Saturday afternoon featured a circle tour of the scenic Capital City and District.

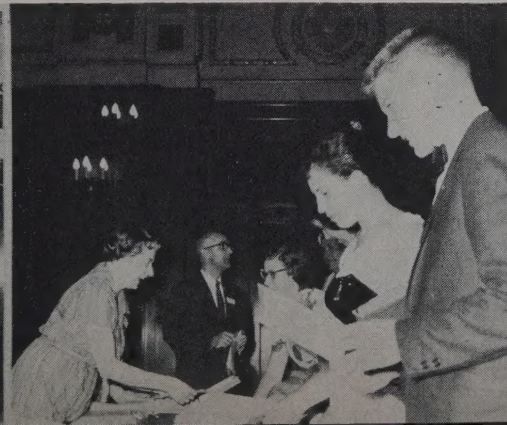
The Convocation Banquet Saturday evening featured good fellowship directed by Dr. Clyde W. Meadows, with singing led by James Laing.

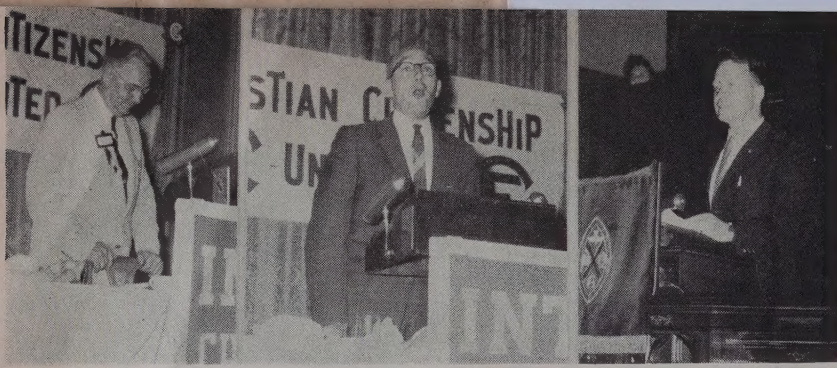
The Citizenship Rally at Dominion United Church Saturday evening was a high light of the Convocation. Walter G. Dinsdale, Member of Parliament from Brandon, Manitoba, spoke in place of Prime Minister Diefenbaker, who was unable to be present.

At this session winners in Christian Endeavor's 1960 Citizenship Contest were honored and received the Albert H. Diebold Awards totaling \$1,100 in cash plus

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real welcome greeted Endeavorers when they reached the Chateau Laurier in Ottawa on July 1. The signs in the spacious lobby (left, below), efficient handling of registrations by Mrs. W. T. Webster (extreme left, center photo below) of Ottawa, and the warm words of welcome by Mary Campbell, president of the Canadian Union (right, below) assured delegates a great week end awaited them.





LEFT—Convocation leaders included Dr. Clyde Meadows (left), president of the International Society; Rev. George G. Connolly (center), secretary of the Christian Education Commission, Montreal-Ottawa and Bay of Quinte Conference of the United Church of Canada, speaker at opening dinner; and Walter G. Dinsdale, Member of Parliament from Brandon, Manitoba, spoke in place of the Prime Minister at Saturday evening Citizenship Rally.

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trips to Ottawa for the top individual winners. Gloria I. McDonald of Texas and David M. Olson of Minnesota, along with the High School Youth Vespers Christian Endeavor group of Trinity Evangelical Congregational Church, Lititz, Pennsylvania, received top honors.

Mr. Dinsdale commented that he liked very much Christian Endeavor's emphasis on personal commitment of the individual.

He also said, "We do not break the laws of God with impunity. The lesson of history is quite the contrary. When we break Divine Law we ourselves are inevitably broken. The insecurity, the anxiety prevalent in the world today suggest that deep down in our heart of hearts we are aware of this truth. The noisy pursuit of sensuous pleasures, the rock-and-roll craze, the attempts to escape from reality in alcoholism and with tranquilizers are all symptoms of this deep underlying fear and cosmic loneliness.

"To the Christian, inner grace is more important than outer space. The Christian believes fervently that the recovery of the world awaits the world's recovery of God. This is a personal experience rather than a national experience.

"The survival of Christian democracy in the confusion of the Atomic Age depends upon dedicated Christian lives. Government of the people, by the people, for the people, can only survive as individuals are willing to re-echo the pledge of the saints down through the ages, 'God shall have all there is of me.'"

Sunday, July 3

After an early breakfast together on Sunday, delegates boarded chartered buses for the trip to Kingsway United Church for the Convocation Communion service, directed by Rev. J. Wesley Siebert of Elmira, Ontario, and served by Rev. F. R. Harback and the Elders of Kingsway Church. "Border-

line Christianity" was the subject of Mr. Siebert's meditation, as he challenged Christians to distinguish the border line between the world of sense and the world of the spirit. "For the Christian," he said, "the safety zone is as far as possible from the border line."

Following another "talk-it-over" group session and morning worship at local churches, the delegates met for their final luncheon and then journeyed in chartered buses across the Ottawa River to Aylmer, Quebec.

Pilgrimage to Aylmer

Here they visited "Cherry Cottage," birthplace of Dr. Francis E. Clark, founder of the Christian Endeavor movement. The final Convocation service was held at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Aylmer, the church of Dr. Clark's boyhood. The church was crowded to capacity.

Reminding each one present how much he owes to Christian Endeavor, Dr. Earle W. Gates, the speaker, quoted these words from Dr. Clark's epitaph, "He that doeth the will of God abideth forever." He stressed that this was the secret of Dr. Clark and the reason for remembering him today. Dr. Gates continued, "Christian Endeavor is the lengthened shadow of the one whom we honor today—a man of God deeply dedicated to Jesus Christ."

Dr. Gates also said that of those of Dr. Clark's generation, he believes Dr. Clark was the greatest, his impact the mightiest, and his contributions the most lasting. To follow in Dr. Clark's train, Dr. Gates told delegates that it would require dedication, discipline, and a determined faith.

Dr. Gates concluded with these words, "We have come to do honor; let us go out pledged to service, to see the need as Dr. Clark saw it in his day. Our greatest days as a movement are ahead if we are striving to bring youth to Christ and to His Church. To honor this man of God today, let us go forward, 'Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength.'"

BELOW—The inspiring view from Nepean Point added to the words of challenge given at Saturday morning Quiet Hour service by E. Earle Eaton, minister of the Presbyterian Churches of Sheffield and Kirkwall, Ontario.



Photos by Alice O.

Participating in the dedication of a plaque in memory of Dr. Clark, on behalf of the Canadian Union, was Mary Campbell, president. The service was under the direction of Rev. T. Melville Bailey. David Melville, president of the Montreal Alumni, also participated.

Mrs. J. M. O'Halloran of Aylmer, living relative of Dr. Clark in the area, present for the service. Her grandfather was Dr. Clark's cousin.

Youth Assembly delegates met for the Convocation on Sunday afternoon evening. Official meetings of the Executive Committee, the Board of Trustees, and Corporation of the International Society were held Monday, July 4, in Ottawa.

Convocation arrangements were directed by Harold E. Westerhoff, general secretary of the International Society, assisted by other Staff members—Delno W. Brumby, Phyllis I. Rike, and Cecil A. Jeffery.

Sight-seeing in Canada's capital city, was an activity which all delegates enjoyed. The "cowgirls" from Texas joined Cecil A. Jeffery and Mrs. Earl Robinson of Minnesota (left, below) for the early morning walk to Nepean Point for the Quiet Hour service. Delegates visited Parliament (center, below) for a tour of the House of Commons, the Senate Chamber, the Library, and the Peace Tower. After a bus tour of the city, delegates enjoyed leisure moments in the arboretum and rose gardens of the Experimental Farm before boarding buses (right, below) to return to the Chateau Laurier.



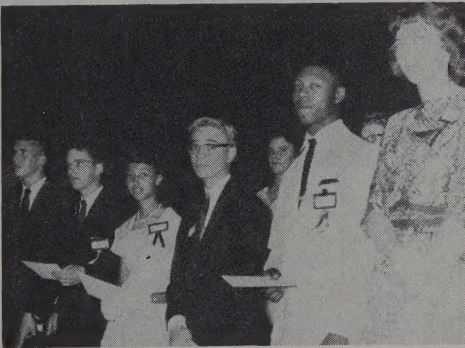
NEW CITIZENSHIP AWARDS PROGRAM ANNOUNCED AT CONVOCATION

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ement of the 1961 Citizenship Awards
an was made at the Saturday night
by Delno W. Brown, citizenship di-
of the International Society.
e Awards Program is quite different
the preceding nine citizenship con-
says Mr. Brown. "It should arouse
at outburst of activity among the
ian Endeavor societies of the United
and Canada.
st year's Citizenship Contest intro-
an opportunity for societies for the
ime, and Christian Endeavor groups
nsylvania, Ontario, and Illinois re-
valuable cash awards. The new pro-
is directed solely toward societies and
igned to stimulate a significant Chris-
tizenship activity by every society in
community."
e new Awards Program is open to all
ian Endeavor societies or similar youth
s or combinations of societies or youth
s in local churches in the United States
nada. The majority of the members
participating societies must be under 25
of age.
h participating group must sponsor
port a completed Christian citizenship
y begun after March 1, 1960. Dead-
or mailing entries is February 6, 1961.
ries will be evaluated on the basis of
participation, goals established or
red, and the manner in which the ac-
omplements the folder, "What Is
ian Citizenship?" Areas of concern
sted in this folder are: home relation-
civic responsibilities, wholesome recn-
n, race relationships, narcotics, gam-

bert H. Diebold Awards in the 1960
ship Contest were presented to in-
al and society winners at the Satur-
night Citizenship Rally. A group of
nners with their awards is shown
photo at right. Winners who were
t for the service (below, left) to
included Douglas Barrett, David M.
Barbara Bush, Gloria I. McDonald,
Anne Dunlop, Elaine J. Kleyn, Doris
(project chairman of the winning
y), Dorothy Anne Watson, Shirley M.
and J. Barry Higgins. Dean Rapp
n from left in photo at right) also
resent to receive his award. Youth
ses during the Rally were given by
McDonald and David Olson, top
dual winners, and by Dean Rapp,
lent of the winning society.



bling, obscene literature, and observance of
the Lord's Day.
The Albert H. Diebold Awards for this
new program include cash, trips, plaques,
and certificates. The first award will be
\$200 in cash plus a grant (to a maximum
of \$200) for the expenses of one or more
youth representatives, who must be mem-
bers of the award-winning society, to attend
the 46th International Christian Endeavor
Convention in Chicago July 5-8, 1961. Sec-
ond award will be \$150 in cash plus a grant
(to a maximum of \$150) for expenses of
one or more youth representatives to attend
the Chicago Convention. Other awards are:
third award, \$100 in cash; fourth award,
\$75 in cash; fifth award, \$50 in cash; for
the next 20 runners-up, \$25 each. Plaques
will be presented to the top 25 winners,
with Honor Certificates going to all other
qualified entrants.
To enter the contest, a society should
study the folder, "What Is Christian Citizen-
ship?" Then select some significant Christian
citizenship activity and organize for action.
Complete the activity before February 6,
1961, keeping full records of objectives and
plans and accomplishments. Mail the offi-
cial entry form along with materials which
describe the activity (written report, photo-
graphs, press clippings, drawings, etc.) to
Citizenship Director, International Society
of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad
Street, Columbus 16, Ohio, by February 6,
1961.
For a copy of the Citizenship Awards
Program folder and of "What Is Christian
Citizenship?" write to the Citizenship Di-
rector.



Bloomfield College Honors Allan J. Blair

Allan J. Blair, a vice-president of the
International Society and chairman of the
Finance Committee, was awarded the hon-
orary degree Doctor of Laws by Bloomfield
College and Seminary at this year's com-
mencement. Mr. Blair is a former president
of the New Jersey Christian Endeavor Un-
ion.
The citation honoring Mr. Blair said,
"Amid all your work for youth in Scouts,
Christian Endeavor,
Y.M.C.A. and all allied
activities you always
have been a faithful
churchman, for in
truth your work for
the betterment of man-
kind stems from your
deep devotion to
Christ and His King-
dom. Not only have
you labored about the
boards of counsel and
judgment, but you
have been a faithful
hewer of wood and
drawer of water." Your faithfulness as an
elder in the First Presbyterian Church of
Passaic, New Jersey, is a sermon in itself."
Mr. Blair is a member of the board of di-
rectors of Bloomfield College and serves as
chairman of the property committee. A
member of the board of governors of Pas-
saic General Hospital and a former presi-
dent of Rotary, Mr. Blair twice served the
Passaic-Clifton Y.M.C.A. as president. He
holds the Silver Beaver for Scouting, the
highest award given for volunteer service.
Mr. Blair is president of the plumbing
firm of Blair & Aldous and of the New Jer-
sey Mortgage and Title Company, both in
Passaic. He and his wife make their home
in Glen Rock. The Blairs have two chil-
dren, a daughter who is married and lives
in Maryland and a son, William, who is in
business with his father.



Allan J. Blair

COMING EVENTS For Your Prayer Calendar

Here is a list of Christian Endeavor con-
ventions and conferences scheduled to be
held during the next few months. Remember
these events in your daily Quiet Hour.
AUGUST
1- 6—Pennsylvania, Chambersburg
13-20—New York, Lake Canandaigua
15-19—Virginia, Bridgewater
15-21—Alabama, Oak Mountain Camp
26-September 5—Missouri, Troy (Youth Camp
and Senior Camp)
27-September 1—New Jersey, Madison
28-September 5—Ontario, Chesley Lake
SEPTEMBER
3- 5—Michigan, Waldenwoods (Fall Retreat)
9-11—Wisconsin, Green Lake
9-11—Ohio, Round Lake (Fall Conference)
16-18—Maryland, Buckeystown
23-25—Colorado, Near Buena Vista
(Fall Conference)
OCTOBER
7- 9—Southern Region, Montreat, North Carolina
8-10—Ontario, Toronto
15-16—Great Lakes Region, Gary, Indiana
NOVEMBER
4- 6—Missouri, St. Louis



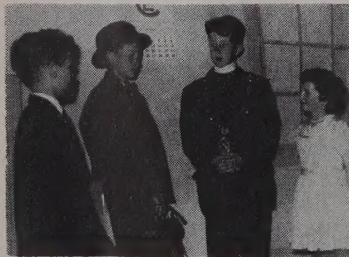
The Area II Conference and the British-Scottish Conventions

— A Story in Pictures —

Photos by Rev. Agostinho F. Arbiol and Ulrich Weber



Harold E. Westerhoff, general secretary of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, addresses an open air service at the Botanical Gardens in Glasgow. This was one of two outdoor sessions held during the convention.



These Juniors took part in a visual history of Glasgow from its early founding to the present. This closing scene of the Junior Demonstration portrays a meeting of Scottish leaders—(left to right) the general secretary, the treasurer, the president (with the chain), and the office secretary.

BELOW, LEFT—"Two Christian Endeavor Friends" might be the title for this photo of Ulrich (left), field secretary of the German Union, and James Murdoch, Scottish leader.

BELOW, RIGHT—"Singing, Singing, Singing" would be a good caption for this picture of G. Austrian, and Hungarian delegates with Harold E. Westerhoff (near center of photo) representing International Society.



ABOVE—Area II leaders of the World's Union shown as they met May 30-June 2 at Glenderg Christian Endeavor holiday home near Rothesay, Isle of Bute in the north of Scotland.

LEFT—Delegates at the combined British and Scottish Conventions June 3-7 assemble for the official opening.



Delegates at the Area II Conference included (left to right) F. Arthur Sheldon of England, Area II treasurer, Pastor and Mrs. Gustav Winner, representing Germany, and Mr. and Mrs. William J. Sharpe of England. Sharpe is general secretary of the World's Union of Christian Endeavor.



Wearing a Scotch tam o'shanter, Harold E. Westerhoff (center) chats with Rev. F. Rupert Gibson (left), elected president of the British Union, and James Murdoch, president-designate of the British Union. These men were used to move the entire convention from Glasgow to Edinburgh for the final session.

GETTING STARTED

SUMMER vacation days wane, thoughts of "back to schedule" come with crisp fall days ahead. Does schedule include *Service for Christ and Church* through a Young Adult Christian Endeavor society? If there is not one in church or community, now is the time to go—"on the organization of a Young Adult group."

Who are these Young Adults, you ask? While the chronological age limit of a group cannot be strictly adhered to, men and women are considered Young Adults who have finished school, married, become supporting, left their parental home, reached voting age, or served in the armed forces. By such definitions, one in every five persons in your community is a Young Adult. To them, the Young Adult Christian Endeavor society offers an opportunity to associate with people of like interests and experiences, to share mature problem-solving, active participation, and fellowship.

WHY DOES a Young Adult group get started? While there is no one way, suggestions may help. Are you confident enough to do something about it? Are there two or three others who share your interest? The three or four of you who are well consulted with your pastor concerning the needs of Young Adults and the home church, listing prospective members. Your Sunday school superintendent and the head of the Adult Department also help in making this list. Perhaps the best for the pastor to call the group together—at an informal meeting in his home, or the home of one of the group, in an attractive room in the church. Simple arrangements might add to the meeting.

Get into action. Supplement the pastor's "official call" by talking up this first step. Divide the list of prospects among three or four interested Young Adults so that each receives a telephone call, offering, radiating enthusiasm for the group.

Remember in starting a Young Adult society to get real leaders, those of high Christian character and initiative whom others will follow. Remember, too, that a group to stay the way it starts. So if you are a mixed group, be sure both married and single Young Adults attend the first meeting. If you start with married couples it will be difficult to interest the singles later on, or vice versa.

With this issue a new policy for *Young Adults* is being inaugurated. Various writers will join Bert Davis in presenting materials for the age group. In addition, topic suggestions will be included. The writer for this issue is Phyllis Brown of Richmond, Virginia, a member of the Adult Work Committee of the Executives' Program Council and co-author with Mr. Davis of *Young Adults in Christian Endeavor*.

- In arranging for the first meeting—
- ... Make certain that every Young Adult in the church and every prospective Young Adult in the community receives a personal and urgent invitation to come.
- ... Tell them the purpose of the meeting.
- ... Select a time and place which will encourage the largest attendance.

At this first meeting, give everyone an opportunity to become acquainted. Take time to know one another better. Let all talk together about the need and possibilities of a Young Adult Christian Endeavor society in the church, proposing a plan of organization. Present the proposed society in such a way as to lead the group naturally to decide to organize. Stimulate the Young Adults to initiate more definite plans, determining the type of group (mixed, married, or single), setting the time and place for the next meeting, and appointing a nominating committee. Election of officers and formation of the permanent organization could take place at the next meeting.

Whatever type group is selected to meet the needs of your church—whether it be a society for all Young Adults or young married couples, or special interest groups—it should be based on the Christian Endeavor pledge to unify the membership. Herein lies the strength of any Christian Endeavor society.

Young Adults have reached maturity and are capable of supplying their own leadership. The group should elect its officers, appoint committees, and assume self-direction.

With the need, the organization, and the leadership, the next step is a program and a plan of action for effective results. In planning a program, make certain that all items contribute to the purpose of Christian Endeavor, giving emphasis to the four principles of this international, interracial, and interdenominational movement.

(For additional organizational help, consult the book, *With Young Adults in Christian Endeavor*. Available from the International Society, 75c a copy.)

MORE YOUNG ADULT TOPICS

The Wonder of It All

Psalm 77:14; 96:3; 107:24; Isaiah 29:14; Acts 2:19; John 4:48; Acts 4:30

Get off to a good start by sharing the wonders of vacation experiences. Perhaps a beautiful scene or a glorious sunset caused you to thank God for His wonderful world. His presence may have been felt while camping out. Perhaps we found God in the smile of a child or the thanks of an older person; or one of us, "a stranger in a strange land," may have received help that He provided in time of need. Vacation time may have brought opportunities of witnessing for Him. These summer experiences so fresh in mind will make us all more aware of the Creator. As we share His wonders, we acknowledge God's love for mankind and His handiwork in the words of the songster, "How Great Thou Art!"

Christian Citizenship—Unlimited!

Psalm 119:77; Matthew 5:17; Romans 2:10-16,22; 7:12; 1 Timothy 1:8; Acts 11:26; 26:28; 21:39; Ephesians 2:19; Galatians 6:2.

Citizenship is a privilege granted by birth but *Christian citizenship* is an opportunity open to all who would practice Christ's way. Christians can demonstrate their Christian principles and set an example by obeying all laws, including traffic laws and regulations. Discuss the effect on others, particularly the heavy traffic toll, caused by some who try to "get by."

Give serious consideration to the civic responsibilities of Christians—exercising their privilege to vote, electing Christian men and women to office, making themselves available as candidates, and following their Christian convictions when elected. What can Christians do to assure adequate legislation to protect every citizen in his right to vote? Consider the need for Christians to be more enthusiastic and active in practicing Christ's way in all of life than are the Communists in their all-out world-wide propagandizing to spread their godless, atheistic way of life.

Lord's Day Observance

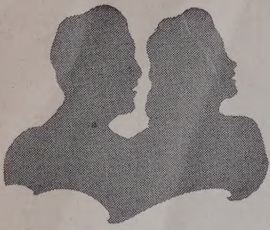
Leviticus 25:1-8; Mark 2:27,28

God gave Moses a pattern of worship in the Ten Commandments which now is emphasized in commemorating the resurrection of our Lord. One day of rest in seven is a physical and spiritual necessity for man's needs, in the face of today's tensions. Because of the increasing abuse and misuse of the Lord's Day, Christian forces should strive to keep this day for individual and family spiritual enrichment. Christians can support businesses that close on the Lord's Day and can abstain from making purchases on this day. Discuss ways in which the church might make fuller use of facilities for the spiritual growth of family life and worship and thus help make Sunday a holy day, rather than a holiday.

Person to Person

Proverbs 23:21; 27:26; 31:21,22,25; John 2:21; Romans 13:13; 12:1-5; Luke 12:28,31; 8:35; Mark 5:28; James 2:3; 1 Corinthians 9:27; 12:12-14; 6:10; Galatians 5:21

Christian Young Adults can set the example in preserving the dignity of the human being, since the body is the temple of the soul. Consider how much modest and appropriate dress affects behavior patterns. Are people becoming more lax in the type of clothing they select, such as the use of beach attire for street wear? How can Christians set an example by the selection of proper dress for every occasion? What goes into the body is also of concern, since it too governs behavior patterns. How can Christians aggressively oppose traffic in, and the use of, alcoholic beverages, tobacco, and narcotics? How can Christians combat the false and misleading advertising often used for these items? Discuss also what can be done to urge the complete abolition of the unjust, obnoxious, and dangerous practice of serving alcoholic beverages aboard passenger aircraft.



An Outstanding Coach

No. 1 in a Series: "What Makes a Winning Team"

Hebrews 4:14-16; 12:2

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years)

SEPTEMBER

Comments by Rev. Ellis Shaw*

Suggestions for Leaders

By all means invite a local school coach to share in the program. Suggest to him that he talk about what he believes are the qualities of an outstanding coach.

The setting for the meeting is an office, equipped with a desk, a couple of chairs, and a big sign, "Coach Wanted." "Alma Mater" needs a new head coach and is interviewing candidates for the job. The interviewer, of course, is seated at the desk. As the candidates come in one by one he asks them to stipulate their qualifications for the job. There should be at least four applicants.

Publicity

In advance of the meeting date display placards and posters around the church with this wording: "Coach Wanted" or "Come, help us choose a new coach for Alma Mater."

Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service
Song Period
Announcements and Offering
Scripture: Hebrews 12:1-4; I Peter 2:21-25
Prayer
Brief talk by local school coach (if available)
Hymn: *More Like the Master*
Office Interview
Concluding Thoughts by Interviewer
Hymn: *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*
Benediction

Presentation of the Topic

Interviewer, seated at the office desk, buzzes for his secretary. She comes in and is asked if there are any candidates for head coach. She informs him that there are four. She is instructed to usher them in one at a time. As each man is brought in the interviewer invites him to be seated and says, "We are looking for an outstanding coach. We have high standards, and we want to know what your qualifications are."

(Each man should use his own imagination and develop a suitable statement.)

First Candidate: Included in his statement should be an emphasis upon (1) toughness, (2) cleverness, (3) determination to win at all costs.

Second Candidate: During his interview he should stress (1) physical fitness; (2) abstinence from alcohol, tobacco, drugs, gluttony; (3) personal purity.

Third Candidate: At the outset he should declare that he knows the rules of the

FOR DISCUSSION

1. Do you think Christ approves of athletes praying to win a game or a contest?
2. Do you think the Lord Jesus Christ wants us to maintain a sound, healthy, physically-fit body?
3. Is there some good Scripture that talks about the body and the necessity for keeping it clean and pure? (See Romans 12:1,2; I Corinthians 6:19,20)
4. Does the Lord Jesus ever speak of His own body as a temple? (See John 2:19-21)
5. Does the Lord Jesus want us to love Him with the heart and soul only? (See Mark 12:30)
6. What is involved in loving Jesus? Running races? Winning games? Struggling for Him in the great contest of life? (See I John 4:10; Romans 5:8; John 1:12)

game, that (1) he is versed in the most up-to-date and accepted methods of coaching, (2) that he is skilled in administering an athletic program, (3) and that he is academically and intellectually qualified.

Fourth Candidate: During his interview he should exhibit a humble spirit, sincerely demonstrating that he knows how to handle men, how to coach a team, how to lose as well as win a game, and how to master his own soul. He should make it clear: (1) that Jesus Christ, the Greatest Coach in all the universe, lives in his heart, (2) that Christ is living His life out through His own, using his mind, his tongue, his hands and feet for God's glory, (3) that he believes in prayer before going out on the playing field.

After the interviews are over, the candidates leave the room. The interviewer calls in his secretary, and they review the statements made by the applicants. Taking into consideration the physical, mental, professional, and spiritual aptitudes of each man, they decide that candidate number four will make the most outstanding coach.

Concluding Thoughts

The interviewer gives a brief talk about the greatest Coach of all, the Lord Jesus Christ, quoting Hebrews 12:1,2. From this Scripture, he accentuates the absolute necessity of keeping one's eyes on Jesus, looking to Him for inspiration, guidance, and power during the great Game of Life. He points out the utter faithfulness of the Son of God; in spite of discipline, hardship, the most rigorous suffering, and cruel death He kept right on until He had won the prize . . . the joy of being at God's own right hand! How essential that Christian athletes "be steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding!"

Further, the interviewer goes on to quote I Peter 2:21-25, making much of the fact that in the great game of life we are to "follow the steps" of our Great Coach, for there

is none more outstanding than He. (1) He did no sin (I Peter 2:22); (2) He was absolutely sincere and truthful (I Peter 2:23); (3) When assaulted He did not retaliate (I Peter 2:23); (4) He surrendered himself completely to God (I Peter 2:24). Therefore, we ought to yield ourselves fully to Christ, who "while we were yet sinners died for us."

Eric Liddell

Finally, the interviewer can state that Jesus Christ, our Great Coach, is a man of such men as Eric Liddell.

In 1924 Eric Liddell was to be ordained to the Gospel ministry, and also he was favored to bring glory to England by winning the 100 meter dash at the Olympic Games in Paris. To his dismay I learned that the 100 meter dash was scheduled to be run on Sunday afternoon.

Now he believed that it was not God's glory for him to compete on Sunday. However, he went right on with his workouts, except for one major change: instead of joining his classmates for prayer and discussion after dinner, he left the dining hall, to return hours later, weary and exhausted. He never told anyone who had been or what he was doing.

A few weeks later the whole world knew his secret. At the Olympic Games Eric Liddell did not run in the 100 meter dash, but competed in the 400 meter event. This, of course, required a different kind of speed and endurance. That explained the long trainings away from his classmates; he was training. The reason that he changed from the 100 meter to the 400 meter dash was that the latter was run on a day other than Sunday. Because he was faithful in this thing, God honored him in another. At the finish of the 400 meter event he was on the platform and awarded the gold medal to the winner. His record stood for many years and may not yet have been surpassed.

A Strong Faith

This is the great need in our day. An excellent manual prepared for the United States Air Force entitled "Living for Christ" states that America's greatest strength is a deep faith in God such as the founding fathers possessed. Strikingly it says that at the time "we have reached the peak of material greatness, there is a growing feeling of insecurity throughout the country among all classes of people. It is that all too many have lost the sense of purpose in life. Too many have set aside old-fashioned, the ideas of the men who made this republic possible." Then it says that one hundred million American citizens are spiritually adrift, not knowing what they are, why they are here, nor where they are going. Only when men come to God and their responsibility towards Him can they live as they ought. When they sense their responsibility to God they become faithful servants in the Church.

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Senior High (12-14 Years)

SEPTEMBER 4

Comments by Rev. Chester Hirschy*

Winning Publicity

Make a poster showing a coach and players.

Prepare small invitations, made like letters, for personal invitations.

Present a real football during announcements in services.

Set up goal posts in meeting room.

Try to obtain a high school coach to express his views concerning the qualities of an outstanding coach.

Program

Prayer Service

Worship

Scripture: *God's Way My Way*

Picture Lesson: Hebrews 12:1, 2

Sermon Hymn: *Are Ye Able, Said the Master*

Scriptural Music (If possible, have some young people dressed like cheer leaders present this special number)

Announcements and Offering

Prayer Session (Testimonies)

Leader's Introduction

Players' Discussions

Conclusion

Leader's Introduction

When we glance at this series of topics we see that the next four deal with different aspects of a winning team. There is room for each area and as we discuss each we will find that it takes all the areas to produce a winning team.

For our interest tonight we are going to discuss the coach of a winning team. We hear many times what the tasks of a coach are. Should he "browbeat" us, or should he lead us? In the following discussions we will run a comparison of an outstanding coach with our spiritual coach, Jesus Christ.

Each player will compare the steps of forming a winning team with the steps for forming a successful life. For each step he will show the relationship between the coach and Christ.

There are a few different points to be mentioned before we begin our comparison. First of all, Jesus will never browbeat us to lead us to win; likewise, He will not browbeat us when we fail. Second, Jesus will pull us out of the "game of life" when we fail; but like most outstanding coaches, He will find the needs which exist in our game of life and then apply His methods for our lives to produce a winner.

Each player will express his views of the game in which the outstanding coach will be helpful in winning just as Jesus is with the game of life.

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AIMS FOR A WINNING TEAM

1. To prove that we all like to win.
2. To show that it takes a good coach to develop a winning team.
3. To emphasize that Jesus is like a coach, who helps Christians win.

First Player

An outstanding coach tries to lead each player rather than push him. He tries to get each player to see his part in each play of the game. He expresses the importance of each play and player. An outstanding coach knows that he cannot think for the team when the game begins.

We hear Jesus say, "He that will lose his life for My sake, will find it." When we observe this in team play in the game of life, we see the reality of it. A player must yield his life to the coach and the rest of the team, in order to win. He obtains glory in winning. The coach who can lead a player into this attitude will be outstanding.

Jesus endeavors to lead us into this attitude. He set the example, as we see Him in the garden praying for courage and power to be able to win the game of life which He began.

We see another example of an outstanding coach at the Last Supper, as Jesus ate with His disciples. He said, "One of you shall betray me." When the disciples asked the question, "Lord, is it I?" He did not expose the sinful deed but practiced a life of leading mankind.

An outstanding coach will never blame others but will try to lead them even under pressure. Jesus accomplished this great coaching task upon the cross, when He prayed, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." In this task He does not blame others but leads them forward into their own lives, by this prayer which is needful in living.

Second Player

The next step that an outstanding coach will develop in a winning team is that he will mold and remake each player into an integral part of the entire team. In molding and remaking a player, the coach must present some goals and objectives to him. He will keep the goals before the players and make them very attractive. The goals will be for each individual player as well as for the entire team.

In considering the game of life, we find that Jesus stands out when compared to a coach. He again has no other purpose for the life of an individual than to mold and remake the entire pattern of living. The goals that Jesus presents to the individual player consist of a joyful and purposeful life here on earth, as well as a crown of righteousness, and a home in heaven (John 14). He also knows that for the game to be played fair, and also in a manner that will produce victory, the player must seek these goals by listening to the coach of life.

Third Player

For the outstanding coach, we will consider another step that is a *must*. This step tries both the coach and players. This step is the real test.

Will all the leading, molding, and remaking that the coach has presented and held before the team stand the test during the actual game? The outstanding coach wonders how well he has created the image of a real team upon each individual player's mind. The test can be helpful or destructive, depending upon the acceptance by the players of the coach's wishes.

When we compare this aspect of the outstanding coach to the tests we face in the game of life, we soon see that we need a coach who stands out as a leader. Jesus knows how we will stand the tests, because He knows how well we have accepted the image of a real team or winner.

In I Corinthians 10:13 we read, "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it." After a closer look at this verse we can see that if we listen to the coach of life, He will help us to be a winner. The test will bring out the weaknesses of each player and also of the coaching. After we see the weaknesses, we can follow the coach's views and become a winner.

Coaching Situations

A high school coach, who was a good Christian man, never failed to have prayer before every game. He had all the players join hands in a circle and then he would pray that the Lord would watch over each player, helping him to play his best, be a team man, and a winner if possible. Some people objected and said, "Praying is all right for church activities, but has no place in a high school dressing room before a game." What do you think about this situation? Should he pray or not?

Here's another situation for us to solve. A boy who was crippled wanted to play ball so badly that he worked continuously to be a good player. He was an average player when he didn't have to run. The school placed great importance upon winning, so the boy was never used until one night in a close game. During this game the boy looked at the coach with such a look of hope that the coach sent him into the game. The boy played well for a while, but the coach pulled him out of the game when he began to tire. The crowd almost went into hysteria because the boy tried so hard to do well. If you were the coach, would you place the winning of the game above the desire of the boy? What effect do you think this decision had upon the boy, the school, and the fans?

The Discipline of Training

No. 2 in a Series: "What Makes a Winning Team"

Ephesians 6:11-17; I Corinthians 9:26,27



Senior-Young People (15-24 Years)

SEPTEMBER

Comments by Rev. Vernon Hoffman*

Aims

To show the need and value of the disciplined Christian life.

To discover in what areas we can profit by the discipline of training.

To encourage young people to try the discipline of training in their lives.

Suggested Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service

Prelude: *O Worship the King*

Hymn: *He Keeps Me Singing*

Scripture: Ephesians 6:11-17

Hymn: *Living for Jesus*

Sentence Prayers

Announcements

Offering

Hymn: *The Old Rugged Cross*

Discussion of Topic

Hymn: *I Am Thine, O Lord*

Benediction

For the Leader

If we are to persuade others that disciplined training is worthwhile, we must first be convinced of it. Try to make a list of occupations, sports, and hobbies where disciplined training is especially valuable. Hunt for instances where training has spelled the difference between success and failure. Be sure to show how the Christian life is both more victorious and enjoyable when properly disciplined.

Leader's Introduction

Training is mighty important. No one should make the mistake of trying to squeeze by in life without training. Believe it or not, good training can be valuable. Ask some people who know. Ask a basketball coach, a college professor, a tennis star, a champion swimmer, a minister, or a concert pianist. They will all give you the same answer. Training is necessary.

Why is training so important? Because it results in discipline. Discipline means a state of order and obedience. When a man leads a disciplined life, it is well ordered and under good control.

The Value of Training

In Proverbs 4:13 God says, "Take fast hold of instruction; let her not go; keep her; for she is thy life." Whenever we study the lives of great men of God such as Moses, Daniel, and Joseph, or Luther, Calvin, and Wesley, we will make a discovery. The discovery is that God uses and blesses the discipline of training.

Imagine a new factory employee demanding to run a complicated machine without training. How foolish! He could do much more work after he had been trained to operate the machine properly. To insist on operating the machine without training

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What are some instances in which training is especially important?
2. Why are some people so unsuccessful in trying to discipline themselves?
3. What are some training rules that Christians should follow?
4. What hints can be given to help the person who is trying to discipline himself?

could be more than foolish. It could also be dangerous. The man's mistakes and blunders with the machine could cause serious injury to the worker himself, or to those around him.

Training leads to results. An athlete who is out of condition isn't going to play at top capacity. He can't give his best until he works himself into shape by training seriously. This is true in living the Christian life as well as in athletics. Hard training always pays off with good dividends.

God has made us so that we can function best in life if we abide by the rules He has established.

Some young people are constantly being defeated. Time after time they go down to defeat. They never seem to learn that the discipline of training can produce happy results. Other young people can be found who live a victorious Christian life. One victory is followed by another. These victories help to make life worth living.

The difference between those who go down in defeat and those who end up victorious usually is found in disciplined training. Too many people miss a good thing because they refuse to train.

The Need for Training

Let's not try to kid ourselves; training is work. At the time it may not seem to be worthwhile. Right here many people make a mistake. Because training doesn't seem to be worthwhile right now, they decide it's not worthwhile, *period*. They only look at the *right now* and forget that tomorrow will soon be today, and the training completed today will come in handy tomorrow.

The Church of Jesus Christ needs young Christians who are sharp enough to recognize the value of disciplined training. The progress of the church is often halted because Christians forget to discipline themselves. Such virtues as courtesy, patience, neatness, humility, and cleanliness are learned only by discipline.

Christ urges His followers to live the disciplined Christian life. Many high schoolers in America lack disciplined training.

Let us each answer these questions as we look at our own life carefully:

Are you prompt to return things you have borrowed from others? Have you learned how to say "I'm sorry," when you are wrong? Have you learned how to forgive and remain humble when you are right? Can you pull yourself away from the T.V. set long enough to dig into a book that demands concentration if it is to be understood? How about the writing of thank-you

notes after you've received presents from other people? Have you learned how to be a good listener? Or are you bored whenever someone else has the floor? What about the regularity of your church attendance? Do you come to meetings on time or do you always walk in a little late?

Taking Inventory

So far so good. We see the value of disciplined training, and we admit we need to use a little more of it. What now?

The next step is to take a detailed personal inventory. This inventory will show each of us to look at himself as he really is. It will show what training we have and what training we lack.

Item number one in the inventory deals with the physical. God has given us bodies and it is important to keep in healthy physical condition. Good training demands proper rest, a balanced diet, and plenty of exercise. We may have to learn to turn off the television set when it's time to go to bed, to avoid smoking, or to exercise regularly. Don't neglect the physical.

The second item in our inventory concerns our mental habits. Not only our bodies but also our minds need to be exercised. The lives of both Moses and David certainly prove that God values learning and He puts no premium on ignorance. We should develop the mental powers God has given us. Even our imaginations should be brought under control. In II Corinthians 10:5 the Apostle Paul writes, "Bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ." Scripture implies that even our state of mind is important when we are urged to "Be content with such things as ye have" (Hebrews 13:5).

Our thoughts are important. God tells us what type of thoughts He wants us to have. His Word says, "Whatever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things" (Philippians 4:8).

The last and most important item in our inventory involves our spiritual life. In the sixth chapter of Ephesians we see the preparation God wants the Christian to make. Find out what Paul considers to be the preparation of the Christian warrior. He gives complete preparation when he tells us that we are to put on "the whole armor of God."

Our training will have to be serious if our spiritual life is going to survive. If we long to grow in grace, disciplined training is the only answer. Regular Bible reading demands discipline. A consistent prayer life demands discipline. Good stewardship of gifts God has given us demands discipline. God does not promise that the Christian will always be easy. But it is reward. Disciplined training is always the hard way in the beginning. But the results will make every bit of training worthwhile.

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Senior High (12-14 Years)

SEPTEMBER 11

Comments by Rev. Clive Cooper*

Lessons of the Lesson

To show how a dedicated life makes training demands upon the individual.
To impress on us the need for Christian training.

To show some of the forms of training which are important.

To show that with Christ we are on a winning team.

To point out why the dedicated Christian is happy.

Suggested Program Outline

Prayer Service
Calm Prelude
Song of Praise and Prayer
Announcements and Offering
Scripture Reading: Ephesians 6:11-17; 1 Corinthians 9:26,27

Lesson: *Are Ye Able, Said the Master* (A challenge for a personal inventory)

Time of Meditation and Prayer

Lesson: *Rise Up, O Men of God*

Scripture Discussion

Time of Dedication (Led by the weekly leader)

Lesson: *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

Prayer

Sponsor's Pep Talk

The football season is off to a good start. Who will be the winning team in our conference? Of course, we cannot tell at this time. A lot will depend upon the training and work which each team does. We will just watch and wait for the winner. Another season has also started in Christian Endeavor work. What will be the outcome of our year's work for Christ? Again we must watch and wait. We must do more, however, if we expect to be on the winning team with Christ. Each of us is challenged to do certain things to stay on the team. Only a few can play on the great teams of football, but all can play on the team with Christ. Each should now take a personal inventory of his training and willingness to go further. This is the all-important question: "Where do I stand with Christ and His Church?"

Scripture Setting

The first part of our Scripture reading tells us some of the things a Christian must have to win the battle for Christ. The part of the last verse shows the importance of Bible knowledge. A complete knowledge of the Bible means study. It means that each individual must have the proper training if he is to be able to stand in the competition which is found in the world.

In 1 Corinthians Paul points out that he must keep his body in subjection. He must discipline himself. He must ever be aware of the need for right living. He must give the best for Christ and the Church. Until we are able to do this we are not ready for the competition which we must face in this life.

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QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What do you find when you take a personal inventory?
2. What are some of the steps to being highly trained for Christ?
3. How can we have assurance that Christ does have the winning team?
4. What are the steps to being accepted as a member of Christ's team?
5. How does dedication help us face and overcome the opposing team?

Out of Condition

A football player is out of condition when a new season starts. He must go into training with a determination to train himself and get in condition for the games ahead.

The same is true of a Christian. He must get into condition after the summer vacation. When school starts we begin a new push to get people back to church. Some have moved during vacation time. Some have been absent because of vacations and travel to various parts of the nation and world.

Those who have continued through the summer months with their local Christian Endeavor society also need to renew their allegiance to Christ and the Church. They need to get into condition for the great work which can be done during the months ahead. Even if they have trained during the summer there is yet much training which can be done. There is a program which only the most dedicated can meet.

Rigorous Training

The football player must increase his speed. He must learn the new plays which are necessary for the new season of play. He must study the ways in which his competitors are training. A knowledge of the work they do will help him when he comes face to face with them in a game.

Christians, too, must train rigorously. New techniques have been developed by your Christian Endeavor leaders during the summer. The world, our competition, has also found some new methods. We must go into rigorous training if we expect to have the best team.

Meeting Competition

Training is more than knowing the ways and techniques. It means being able to do our best when we meet competition. It means having confidence when we buck the line. As we face the world and non-Christian movements we must be sure of our training. We must be confident that we know the plays which our Captain would have us use.

It is easy to go through plays in training. It is easy to buck an imaginary line. There is a difference, however, when we face the real competition. We must be organized. We must be in top condition. We must be trained for the work which can be done.

This is just as true in Christian work as it is in football. If we are to be on the winning team we must be at our best. If Christ and the Church is to be victorious over competition there must be workers (players)

who are trained and confident. Inefficiency will cost us the victory. It will cost us the price of workers for the Church and souls for the kingdom of God.

Things that Hinder

Personal weaknesses are a hindrance. Lack of the proper training weakens our progress. Busy work is not enough. We must have a method of training. We must be organized in the proper way. We must strive for perfection as individuals and as a team. We must learn to work together. Prejudice, apathy, pride, an unforgiving spirit and many other such things will rob us of the success which is a part of playing on the winning team with Christ.

Christian Demands

On the other side of the ledger from hindrances are Christian demands. Christ demands our best. He demands a life which is dedicated to Him. Our body, mind, and will should all be in harmony with the things which are Christian. It is not enough to give part of our life to Christ. It is not enough that we give our spare time to Him. It is not enough that we give a part of our talent. A life dedicated to Christ is under complete subjection to His teachings and the leadership of the Spirit. Without this leadership, without the guidance which the Bible gives, we are like a ship without a rudder. We are like a football team without a coach or a captain.

The Need for Strength

A Christian needs the strength which only dedication can give. He needs assurance which only the Spirit can give. We have a knowledge of the promises of Christ. We have some knowledge of the things which will make a winning team. Our lives should be so completely under the direction of Christ that we receive strength through Him. This can come only if our lives are dedicated to prayer, Bible study, service, and reverence.

Winning with Christ

Christ will be victorious! His Church will triumph over all competition. Even the greatest competition, Satan, will fall before the training and determination of Christ's followers. Those who are with Christ will be victorious with Him. Those who are on the opposite side will fall before His victory.

This is a challenge to us. This is an immediate need. Each individual should be sure he is on the winning team today. Tomorrow part of the training will already be completed. Today is the time for enrolling and being accepted with the winners.

Ahead and Happy

Those who play on the team with Christ have much to which they can look forward. As the scores pile up on the Christian team we have a knowledge that we are ahead. This knowledge will bring happiness. It will bring contentment which the world cannot give. Stop and think a minute! Are you on the Christian team? Are you with the winners? Decide now to be ahead and be happy.

The Desire to Win

No. 3 in a Series: "What Makes a Winning Team"

I Corinthians 9:24



Senior-Young People (15-24 Years)

SEPTEMBER

Comments by Rev. Walter C. Schaeffer*

Aims

To show that if we want to play on Christ's team we must have a keen desire to win.

To impress the young people with the fact that with Jesus Christ victory is always certain.

To help the members take a positive view toward life.

Promoting the Meeting

This marks the beginning of another football season. Select pictures of teams in action which portray unusual effort being exerted, or pictures of a cheering section depicting the tremendous enthusiasm which seizes people at such times. From these construct posters emphasizing the theme of the meeting, "The Desire to Win."

Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service

Call to Worship: Psalm 19:1-4

Song Service: *Are Ye Able, Said the Master; I Would Be Like Jesus; Where He Leads Me; Rise Up, O Men of God*

Scripture: I Corinthians 9:24; II Timothy 2:5,6

Sentence Prayers

Announcements

Offering

Hymn: *Challenge of the New Day*

Discussion of Topic

Hymn: *Give of Your Best to the Master*

Friendship Circle

Benediction

Procedure

In the field of athletics, two attitudes on the part of teams in competitive sports are often thought of as inexcusable and usually arouse a feeling of disgust among the spectators. These attitudes are overconfidence on the one hand and the lack of a desire to win on the other hand. Either of these attitudes seriously handicaps a team and often leads to defeat. The reason is that each of them tends to prevent the team from doing its best. To win, either in a game or in life, less than one's best is never enough.

If ability were the only factor with which to reckon in the field of sports, then it would be relatively easy to predict the outcome of most games. What makes the outcome unpredictable, and therefore of more interest, is the desire to win that has enabled individuals and entire teams to do that which seemed impossible. The spirit that will not allow one to quit nor to take it easy until the game has been completed accounts for victory both in athletics and in life.

Often we think of professional players in various sports as men who play only for the purpose of receiving a good salary. How-

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Is the act of winning the important part in a game?
2. Is it possible for a team to lose a game and still emerge victorious?
3. What do we mean when we speak of winning for Jesus?
4. What can a Christian Endeavor society do to be a winning team for Christ?

ever, when you watch teams such as the Montreal Canadians hockey team, it soon becomes apparent that they have become the great team they are because, both as a team and as individuals, they have a tremendous desire to win. Every man always gives the best he has.

If this is important in sports, surely it is evident that it is much more important in our endeavor to lead Christian lives. The history of the church is filled with the exploits of men who had no outstanding ability, but used every bit of ability they possessed in their attempt to serve Christ.

We do, however, have a source of strength in our Christian work that people in worldly pursuits do not have. This source of strength is Jesus Christ. While Paul was a fine scholar and possessed a good education, he was not unusual in this. Others of his day had all the ability that Paul did and more. What made him different was his reliance upon and confidence in Jesus.

Paul said, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" (Philippians 4:13). This faith as well as his desire to do his best for Christ accounts for Paul's greatness. Any young person who is at all serious about his or her commitment to Jesus can and must do as much. The outcome of a game is soon forgotten. The results of our efforts for and with Christ often change the course of an entire life.

Present-Day Problems

Far too frequently people within the church perform their Christian duties in the same spirit as the members of a team that does not care whether or not it wins. Christian work becomes merely a matter of putting in time, of going through the motions until the game is over. To those on the outside, this is just as unattractive as a careless team. It is this lack of a desire to win for Christ that often turns prospective Christians away from the church. What can young people do to fill the church with a desire to win?

In many of our churches the young people are attracted to various activities which may seem more exciting, but are outside the church and have no relation to the work of Christ. Regardless of the spirit we may have, it seems obvious that before we can win others for Christ, we ourselves must be about Christ's business. How can we persuade these youth that they are giving their time to the wrong, or at least to the second best, goal in life? How can we make the winning of life for Jesus such an important

fact in people's minds that they will be filled with the desire to win?

Many have felt that the only way to win young people interested in Christianity is to increase their opportunities for recreation. Do people play their way to heaven? Or into heaven? Or even to moral standards? Do young people want to spend their time in activity which will diminish their native ability or are they content to give their time to being amused?

In Christian Endeavor we have been guided by the Christian Endeavor program, especially the first part: "Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength, I promise Him that I will strive to do whatever He would have me do." Is not this another way of saying what Paul declared: "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me"? There seems little question, then, as to what direction the path runs for the young people in Christian Endeavor. Winning on Christ's team must become our chief interest. Playing on that team with the desire to make it a winning one becomes a consuming ambition.

There are so many areas of human activity that are crying for our time. Many of us are interested in and working for world peace. Young people find a way to make Christ's team a winning one in this area. The inability to practice Christian brotherhood in social relationships is but another phase of a game in which we must desire to win Jesus.

The increasing attitude that anything is all right so long as you can get away with it reveals another great area of human activity in which the progress of the game must be reversed and the great moral teaching of Jesus must play a winning part. The tendency on the part of so many to put important decisions off to another time offers another opportunity for Christ's team to play a winning game. But all this depends on the mental attitude of the players. They must be filled with the desire to win for Jesus and we will.

Points of Action

With the help of the society, make a list of activities within your own church community which should have made Christianity a real force in people's lives, but have failed. Try to discover the reason for each failure. Attempt to honestly decide if the program could have succeeded if the people responsible for it had been filled with the desire to win. Attempt to find in which this desire can yet be instilled in people's lives.

Analyze the various parts of the program of your local society. Determine whether a greater desire to win on the part of the members of the Christian Endeavor society could bring greater results.

Read II Timothy 2:4 in the Revised Standard Version. How does this apply to the Christian?

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The Desire to Win

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I Corinthians 9:24



or High (12-14 Years)

SEPTEMBER 18

Comments by Mrs. Newell Morgan*

Advertising

Give a very conspicuous place in your church where all will see it, put up a poster at least two weeks in advance of this meeting. Make it large, like an outdoor sign, showing several phases of a track meet; e.g., a runner taking a hurdle in stride, another ready for action at the start of the mile, a third with pole in hand ready for the vault. Keep the wording on your poster simple and eye-appealing:

WHAT'S YOUR M.Q.? ATTEND CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR AND FIND OUT!

SEPTEMBER 18 6:30 P.M.

Preparing to Lead

Get the most out of this meeting, much advance preparation will be necessary. Set the actual meeting to represent a moral and actual track meet comparable to an athletic track meet. Secure a stop watch, preferably one with a ball attachment. Carefully show how much time can be allotted to each phase of the program. During the actual meeting use the stop watch and stick to the scheduled time.

Decorate the meeting room to give the atmosphere of track meet rivalry. Use banners, pennants, pictures of track events, radios, and so forth. Have the national flag and the Christian flag correctly displayed at the front.

Prepare ahead of time a large score card for the use of the Track Judge when the rating period comes. This card will be an enlargement of the Score Card for Your M.Q. which everyone present will receive at the meeting.

Check and re-check everyone who has been asked to participate so your "track meet" will go as smoothly as possible. Give individual names to those who are going to participate, in keeping with the idea of the track meet. The individual who supervises the rating of the M.Q. cards should be called the Track Judge. It would be well for this to be a respected adult, someone such as a pastor or high coach. Whoever is in charge of the opening moments of color and background music could be called the Pep Squad. The person who brings the talk could be called the Head Coach. The discussion leader could be called the Great Scorer. The one who leads the worship service could be the Worship Leader.

Suggested Program Outline

Prayer Service (15 minutes before meeting time in a separate room)

National Anthem (first verse)

Oath of Allegiance to the Flag

Hymn: *Onward, Christian Soldiers* (first verse)

Oath of Allegiance to the Christian Flag

Pep Squad (a brief period of short, peppy songs fitting to the occasion and known to all the group)

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OUR AIMS

1. To examine our motives to see why we want to win.
2. For each one to examine self to see which is valued most — participation, or coming out on top.
3. To realize that, unless a person is careful, the winner may become the loser.
4. To realize the value of learning to be a good loser.
5. To stress the one prize that all should strive to attain, "the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

Head Coach's Talk (comparing Christian life to a track meet)

Discussion—led by a Christian athlete

Rating Period: What's Your M.Q.?

Closing Worship Service

Thoughts for Leader's Talk

This talk should be pithy and brief, comparing the Christian life to a track meet. TRAINING necessary so that each one has what it takes. HURDLES will present themselves along the way so preparation is necessary to take them in stride. RELAYS play an important part because it is very vital to work together with others in reaching any worthwhile goal. 50 YARD DASH—the little jobs that are necessary in preparing to be ready for the larger job. SHOT PUT—how we all want and need to hit the mark. JAVELIN THROW—using the sword of the Spirit to link our lives with the life of the master of all. HIGH JUMP—ways in which we can all soar to new heights spiritually.

Rating Period

Each member present should have been handed an M.Q. Score Card at the opening of the meeting. It is also necessary that EVERY member has a pencil for use at this time.

The Track Judge should supervise the checking of the card. He can make use of the large card to instruct those present in filling out the individual cards. After individual cards have been completed, the Track Judge should help in the interpretation of the scores. Along with the large score card for the Track Judge to use, there should be a large copy of this:

"When the Great Scorer comes to mark against your name,

It won't be whether you won or lost

But how you played the game."

(Source unknown)

Questions for Discussion

1. Is it necessary to be the winner every time?
2. Is the motive for actions more important than the outcome?
3. Is training for living as necessary as training for some athletic contest?
4. Can we ever get out of any event any more than we put into it?
5. Is it safe to rest on yesterday's achievements?
6. Which is better: teamwork or individual play?

7. What constitutes a good winner?
8. What constitutes a good loser?

Closing Worship Service

Quiet Music: *It Pays to Serve Jesus*

Call to Worship: Psalm 51:10

Hymn: *I Would Be True*

Poem: *Be Strong* by Maltbie D. Babcock

Devotional Thought: Story of how the light is carried from Mt. Olympus to start the Olympic games, then briefly how the light of the Son of God has been carried by His runners all the way from Calvary's cross to the heart of every true participant in life's race with Him.

Special Music: *Pass It On*

Prayer of Dedication and Benediction

SCORE CARD FOR YOUR M.Q.

NAME _____	Al-ways	Some-times	Never
1. Am I content with not trying?	_____	_____	_____
2. Am I content with past laurels?	_____	_____	_____
3. Do I "work" other people?	_____	_____	_____
4. Do I want to "star" on the team?	_____	_____	_____
5. Do I lack self-confidence?	_____	_____	_____
6. Do I lose my self-control?	_____	_____	_____
7. Do I cheat to win?	_____	_____	_____
8. Do I curry favors from others?	_____	_____	_____
9. Do I insist on a handicap?	_____	_____	_____
10. Do I quit when I'm losing?	_____	_____	_____
11. Do I have to win?	_____	_____	_____
12. Do I brag about winning?	_____	_____	_____
13. Do I gloat over the loser?	_____	_____	_____
14. Do I have ready alibis?	_____	_____	_____
15. Do I squeal when I lose?	_____	_____	_____

TOTAL _____

Scoring instructions on the reverse side

SCORING INSTRUCTIONS FOR FINDING YOUR M.Q.

Prayerfully answer every question with **Al-ways**, **Sometimes**, or **Never**. If you answer **Always**, put a 5 on that line. If you answer **Sometimes**, put a 3 on that line. If you answer **Never**, put a 1 on that line. When you have honestly checked all the questions on the proper lines, total them at the bottom marked **Total**. Then add the total for **Sometimes** and **Never** together and subtract from it the total for **Always**. The resulting score is your Motive Quotient. The higher your score, the better are your motives. If you are high, congratulations! If you are low, examine your motives and with the help of the Lord start climbing upward.



A Great Cheering Section

No. 4 in a Series: "What Makes a Winning Team"

Hebrews 12:1; Ephesians 2:19-22

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years)

SEPTEMBER

Comments by Dr. Lawrence Bixler*

Promoting the Meeting

A poster could be made showing a grandstand full of people. Over this print in large letters the topic, "A Great Cheering Section." Under this there should be the necessary information, such as time, place, and leader.

Arrange the meeting room with the chairs in a semicircle somewhat like one end of a stadium. The song leader and leader could be dressed up like cheer leaders. This would add life to the meeting. Megaphones and pom-poms could be used for decorations.

Suggested Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service

Hymn: *In the Service of the King*

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 12:1; Ephesians 2:19-22

Hymn: *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

Prayer: Ask two or three in the group to offer short prayers

Presentation of Topic: Have three people participate

Hymn: *Rise Up, O Men of God*

Benediction

Leader's Talk

In Hebrews 12 the writer is comparing the struggle of the Christian with that of an athlete as he runs a race. It is written to encourage the Christian. There are two important ideas here: (1) The Christian has a right to expect problems and trials; (2) There are those watching him who are encouraging him. This second truth is stated in the form of a metaphor: i.e., the cheering section at a game.

The importance of a cheering section is quite commonly accepted today. None of us likes to be alone in his struggle. This is important to the Christian as so often his standards are not the standards of the masses. In fact, all through history Christianity has been a minority movement. At particular times every Christian feels that he stands alone. This is so because Christ is the Christian's Lord; and He is not guided by popular practice.

On the other hand, we need to recognize that beyond the particular geographical community is the community of God's people—the Church. This community encompasses God, Christ, the saints (or believers) of all nations and times.

The Divine Witness

If God and Christ know our problems and struggles how can they help us?

First, by what they have done. God sent His Son to redeem us from sin. Christ died for us that we might have hope. The Christian must never forget the truth of John 3:16 and Romans 5:1-5.

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QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. We have talked about how much older people can encourage youth. Do you think that younger people should encourage older persons? How?

2. It has been suggested that our friends may help us by not giving us our own way all the time. Do you think this is true? What makes you think this?

3. How can one think about his Christian influence and still not just live to please the crowd?

The passage in Romans is especially important to us as we think of man's struggle to live the Christian life. Because of the grace of God extended to us in Christ we should "rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us." (R.S.V.) Thus man receives strength and encouragement in his struggle.

Second, the divine witnesses give us strength through the Word which has been given to us. The concept of the Word of God is that of God conveying His ideas, feelings, and will to man. The eighth chapter of Romans is especially relevant at this point. In the first eleven verses Paul points out the importance of giving attention to matters of the spirit. It is easy to become too concerned with matters of the moment. He then points to the necessity of our suffering with and for Christ (vs. 12-17). The climax of his statement is found in verse 17: "And if children, then heirs; heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may also be glorified together."

The reason that many people are frustrated in life is that the difficult places in life have no meaning for them. But to the Christian even one's problems become means for strengthening one's faith. As Paul has said in Romans 8:28, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."

Our Forefathers as Witnesses

The text for the discussion this evening makes clear that the faithful of all ages are beholding us as we struggle with the problems of life. There are several ways in which these encourage us on to victory.

First, they encourage us by their example. The history of the Christian Church abounds with examples of those who faced great privation and suffering in order to carry the Gospel story to others. As the results of their labors are viewed, it should be clear that they did not labor in vain.

Second, the host of faithful who have gone before us encourage us to also be faithful because of our gratitude for what we have received. Our fathers dreamed dreams for our day. They sacrificed that we

might have what we have. This should cause us to realize that we have a responsibility to the next generation in coming to faithful young men and women of life. Every new generation should be evangelized. No generation can afford to fail in its efforts.

Contemporary Witnesses

There are many today who cheer us to victory. First, there are our parents, contrary to what some young people think, parents want their children to be successful. They seek to protect their children against all sorts of things which would keep them from enjoying the abundant life. Even the worst parent has cared for his children when they could not care for themselves. The prohibitions of parents are attempts to protect their children from consequences of wrong judgments. The concern which parents have should encourage young people, as it indicates genuine love.

The second witness is the pastor of the church. Pastors are conscious of the problems that young people are facing today. It would be of help to many young people if they talked these over with their pastor. The pastor can help young people. Young people can help the pastor.

Third, the churches of which we are a part are very conscious of the needs of youth. Most churches will do everything within their power to help young people. Older people will give of their time, interest, and money to encourage young people in the Christian way of life. Christian deacons and counselors are important in the life of any young people's society. They are present to guide and encourage. Likewise Sunday school teachers are usually lay adults who take time to help young people as they face life.

Fourth, fellow Christians of our own and group can help us tremendously. Every normal person wants to feel that he or she belongs. We all need to learn to live with other people; the extent to which we determine how well we get along in social relationships. Our friends in the group may help us by not giving us our own way all the time.

Even those who think that we may not be in the Christian life can encourage us. There are many who have succeeded because they trusted in the Lord and believed that the way of life in Him was the best life which could be found.

While a cheering section is very important, the winning of a race or game depends upon those taking part. The Christian must have many people "cheering for him," in the last analysis victory in Christ comes because of the person's loyalty to Christ and His Word. The Christian must constantly choose to be associated with those who will encourage him in Christ's ways of living. This requires courage and integrity.

A Great Cheering Section

No. 4 in a Series: "What Makes a Winning Team"

Hebrews 12:1; Ephesians 2:19-22



Junior High (12-14 Years)

SEPTEMBER 25

Comments by Mrs. Donald McFadden*

Advertising the Meeting

Take small outline megaphones, such as by cheer leaders, out of bright-colored paper. Write on them information about the meeting. Mail or hand out to each one.

Lesson Ideas

Make the room look like a cheering section at a ball game with crepe-paper streamers, megaphones, etc. The cheer leaders should be the leader, the song leader, pianist or counselor. The rest are the cheering squad. Those participating in the lesson should be placed in a special section. Use chorus *V Is for Victory* throughout the lesson as your cheer song.

Picture and Introduction

Hebrews 12:1. Review the eleventh chapter of Hebrews and mention the contents of the verse you read from chapter 12. The eleventh chapter tells us of many of the Old Testament saints who were witnesses of their faith. Then verse 1 of chapter 12 tells us that these were and are witnesses to encourage us now.

Ephesians 2:19-22. This Scripture picture is a building with Christ as the chief cornerstone and all those who have lived or are living as Christians as a part of that building. For our lesson tonight let us think of the Game of Life. In a previous lesson in this series we learned that Christ is our champion. We who are living today are on the field, sometimes on the field playing, sometimes on the bench waiting our turn, and sometimes in the cheering section. Tonight we are going to look at the important part of spectators in the cheering section have in the Game of Life. We will call them *The Witnesses* and will place them in three groups: those in the far back as Bible witnesses; those in the center cheering section as Christian men and women who lived in the more recent past; and those sitting in front as the Christian witnesses who are living today.

Live Witnesses

Use as Twenty Questions. Have one person portray each Bible Witness. The group will ask each Witness twenty questions which can be answered with a yes or no. For each Bible Witness has been guessed, there should be a time of discussion as to the type of witness he was and how he is living today. A few are given with background information and discussion suggestions. Others may be used as you have time.

David was considered a man after God's heart. He was not without sin in his lifetime (II Samuel 6:1-11) but was always immediately repentant and humble before the Lord when he saw he had done wrong (I Samuel 25:4-33). Many are the experiences of David's obedience and trust in God.

Mcfadden is the co-sponsor of the Junior High School Christian Endeavor group at Portland Park United Brethren Church in Portland, Oregon, where her husband is pastor.

(a) Learning his lessons well in his school of sheep-tending as a boy. Without the experiences of killing the bear and the lion with his slingshot he could not have tackled the giant later. His quiet times with his harp as he cared for the sheep prepared him for playing for King Saul and composing many wonderful psalms used ever since.

Discussion Question: What are some experiences in our lives now that would be considered training for other service in later years?

(b) David's many escapes from jealous Saul show his complete trust in God's keeping power. These experiences show David's obedience by not harming Saul, the Lord's anointed, even to defend himself (I Samuel 26:1-25).

Discussion Question: What could sidetrack us from giving God our complete obedience?

Joseph

(a) Forgiving spirit. In later life Joseph held no grudge or resentment against his brothers although they had mercilessly sold him to strangers as a child. He not only forgave them completely but also helped them when they were in desperate need and saw that they were taken care of in the land of plenty (Genesis 45:1-11).

Discussion Question: What are some situations that happen in our lives at home, at school, or in the community that would give occasion to show a forgiving spirit?

(b) Gifts used of God. God gave Joseph special wisdom to interpret Pharaoh's dreams and to organize and carry out a long-term plan to save the people from starvation (Genesis 41:46-49). Joseph used this wisdom, not to satisfy his own desires, but as God directed.

Discussion Question: What are some talents or abilities God gives to individuals? Discuss ways of using them selfishly and ways of using them for God.

(c) A moral man (Genesis 39:7-20). When Joseph was faced with a hard situation he still didn't yield to what he knew was wrong.

Discussion Question: Do teen-agers face real tests as to their stand on moral conduct on dates? What is the result when they stand firmly for the right?

Other Bible Witnesses: Abraham; Job; Ruth; Noah; Dorcas; Stephen; Paul; Timothy; etc.

Yesterday's Witnesses

Have group members present each Witness, telling who they are and giving the information which follows. Each one could wear or carry something characteristic of the one they are representing, such as a translation of the Bible for Wycliffe.

Dwight L. Moody

1. I was an internationally-known evangelist.
2. I lived during the years 1827 to 1899.
3. I was converted while working as a shoe clerk in 1855.
4. I started a Sunday school and an interdenominational church in Chicago. The

Sunday school became the largest in the west.

5. In my lifetime I addressed more than 100,000,000 people. Ira D. Sankey traveled with me as music evangelist.

John Wycliffe

1. I lived during 1320-1384.
2. I opposed the established order and doctrine of the Roman Catholic Church.
3. I was called "The Morning Star of the Reformation."

4. I was the first person to begin a systematic translation of the entire Bible into English. This was a translation into the language of the common people and was completed in 1382.

5. An organization of missionary translators carries my name today.

Billy Sunday

1. I lived during the years of 1863 to 1935.
2. I was a converted National League baseball player.
3. I became a famous evangelist.
4. I preached crude, explosive sermons which saw 300,000 converts.

Others: David Livingstone, Martin Luther, Fanny Crosby, Francis E. Clark, etc.

Present-Day Witnesses

Unlike the last group of Witnesses, these Witnesses do not tell who they are. The group tries to guess as each Witness gives the information about himself. Background information is given for only one Witness. Work out background information on several well-known Christian people from your community, church or Christian Endeavor group. Have a discussion time afterwards on some trait or characteristic which has made each one outstanding as a Christian witness.

Charles Fuller

1. I am a radio evangelist.
2. I was born in Los Angeles in 1887.
3. I was saved as a young man after I was married.
4. I began at once to conduct a Bible study class and later started Calvary Church.

5. I started preaching over radio first in 1927. I started my own program, which I still have today, in 1935.

Others: Dr. Daniel A. Poling; Billy Graham; R. G. LeTourneau; Albert Schweitzer; your Sunday school teacher; pastor; Christian Endeavor counselor; friends or parents.

Conclusion

When our turn comes to play on the team in the Game of Life, we can be sure that the spectators, whether they lived during Bible times or are our next-door neighbors, are cheering and encouraging us on to victory in Christ. Remember, it is a good team member who keeps his eye on the goal; who follows the clear instructions from his coach, Jesus Christ; and who knows that a great cheering section is backing him to victory.

Closing Song: *Give of Your Best to the Master.*



The Ecumenical Fellowship

Matthew 26:26-29; Luke 14:22-26; John 17:20,21

(World-Wide Communion Sunday)

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years)

OCTOBER

Comments by Dr. Earle W. Gates*

Help for the Leader

The leader of this topic needs help. Every leader needs guidance, but this topic demands special help. He should first know the meaning of "ecumenical" and "fellowship," words used so frequently and loosely today. He should be familiar with the Lord's Supper, as practiced by his church, for this is World-Wide Communion Sunday.

Our ecumenical fellowship is at its finest in the experience of the sacrament of Communion. Discuss with the pastor the meaning of this sacrament, learning the specific meaning of the elements and the benefits derived by the individual participant, as well as by the entire group.

Strive to bring out the true meaning of ecumenicity, and of its relationship to World-Wide Communion. As a very special experience a candlelight Communion Service could be a part of the meeting. Needless to say, it would have to be under the direction of your church and according to its practice.

The pastor should be asked to prepare such a service, with special emphasis on the total meaning of the day and especially "beamed" to young people. Perhaps the symbolism of the elements could be explained, as well as modes and interpretations of various churches.

Aims of the Meeting

1. To understand in practical terms what we mean by "ecumenical fellowship."

2. To make real the broader purpose and significance of the Holy Communion.

That Big Word

There is a big word that is frequently heard in church circles today. It is too little understood, and often too loosely used. This is the word "ecumenical." Let's begin to understand it by turning to the dictionary. Webster defines it in part as "the inhabited world; in general, world-wide in extent, influence, etc." Rather simple, isn't it? World-wide, a part of all of God's inhabited world; that we can understand. And when it speaks of "extent" and "influence," it begins to relate itself to the greatness of Christ's Church. It sounds like Christian Endeavor itself.

In Jesus Christ we have unity and true fellowship. When we receive Him as Lord and Saviour, dedicating life to His Will and His Way, we become at once a part of His Body, the Church. Wherever His followers are found there is a common bond that is both divine and human. We are brothers together if we are sons of the Father! Christ is the Way. Being equally endowed with the privilege of becoming sons of God by His grace, all Christians stand on even ground.

It Applies to Us

Young people, especially those interested

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FOR STUDY AND DISCUSSION

1. Explain the meaning of "ecumenical" and "fellowship."
2. Is Christianity designed to be ecumenical? Why, or why not?
3. Is it true that denominations are the answer to the needs of the church today?
4. Which is more important, your denominational ties or interdenominational ones?
5. How does World-Wide Communion help the ecumenical fellowship?
6. What is the Body of Christ? What are its parts, and how do they function together?
7. What do the elements of the Lord's Supper, the bread and the cup, symbolize?
8. Is Christian Endeavor ecumenical? Give five characteristics of it to support your answer.
9. What does this day mean to you personally?
10. Discuss how your church's interpretation of Communion differs from that of other denominations or groups.

in the interdenominational trend today, should become thoroughly familiar with this word ecumenical. Those in Christian Endeavor should be particularly interested in it, for this pioneer youth movement was also the pioneer in interdenominational fellowship.

Before the church as a whole became awake to its obligation for unity, Christian Endeavor was aggressively and successfully putting it into operation. Youth led the way most decisively in the field of Christian unity; in youth is the future hope for making it a permanent reality.

Selfish sectarian aims must be sacrificed for the advance in inter-church fellowship. No denomination or church or program is as important as the Church Universal, the united thrust of all the churches. The Body of Christ, the Church, is neither served nor honored by the divisions man has created, or by the barriers we have erected between denominations.

Vitality it applies to us. Modern youth, whole-heartedly dedicated to Jesus Christ, will not tolerate false or superficial barriers. Christian Endeavor has led the way; it will continue to press on to help mend the torn garment of Christ, "that all may be one." Those who seek a Christ-centered Protestant youth movement, one based upon the supremacy of the Word and the imperative of the Great Commission, find it in Christian Endeavor. They will gather under the banner of Christ, and they will challenge all others of like mind to share in the onward growth of unity through the only one who is sufficient. Old rivalries and divisions can be put aside; new victories over evil can be won. "Lead on, O King Eternal, the day of march has come—"

Today Is the Day

There are too few opportunities to demonstrate our oneness in Christ—or perhaps we fail to seek enough. Today is one of the unique occasions. World-Wide Communion

Sunday finds Christians everywhere bringing bread together, almost as though they were gathered about one table. All Christendom observes the Lord's Supper to each church according to its own usage.

All three branches of the Christian faith observe it within the scope of this one day. The Eastern Orthodox, or Greek Catholic Church, as well as the Roman Catholic Church, observe it in the Mass, as is the weekly custom. Even daily they observe the Holy Eucharist. Today Protestant bodies unite across the world. Denominational differences, racial or class differences, geographical or political differences—all are largely forgotten. Christians throughout the world unite as on no other occasion to hear the Master of all say, "This do in remembrance of Me." Beginning the earliest hours of this day in the far islands of the Pacific, there is a constant observance of the Holy Communion around the globe for the entire 24 hours.

A Symbol of Unity

Truly this day's Communion together, placing Christ central and supreme over that which divides mankind, is a symbol of unity that our Lord envisioned in His prayer of John 17. Assuredly God, who "so loved the world" that He gave His Son for the redemption of all, is no respecter of persons or denominations. His Son, obedient unto the death of victory, has no favorites among the superficial divisions man has created. His selfish dreams. The Holy Spirit, neither limited nor influenced by the provincialism of man's mind and prejudice.

What we symbolically do today around the Lord's Table, we should do every day in practical experience. All churches, all denominations, worthy and mighty in their own missions, should cooperate in the witness and service. Great projects of evangelism, education, missions, and social service are possible by a united advance of the Protestant churches. No one group must sacrifice anything of vital, eternal value to gain beyond imagination will be made the things that really matter.

In Christ Is Our Unity

There is but one foundation for Christian unity today. That foundation is in the person of Jesus Christ Himself. Denominations, or even as local congregations, we would not consistently find agreement on the sacraments, or in the creeds, the polity, or the program. Only in Jesus Christ, as Saviour and Lord, can we find full unity. He is sufficient for all, and forever.

Since the elements of the Holy Communion are known as the body and blood of the Lord, they represent Him to each of us. As millions of believers, of all races and creeds, commune together to Christ Himself binds all into one. Herein is the ecumenical fellowship. It is for the sake of the world, it is for the sake of the world-wide in extent and influence. The potential is greater than man's imagination.

Memories of Jesus

I Corinthians 11:23-28
(World-Wide Communion Sunday)



Senior High (12-14 Years)

OCTOBER 2

Comments by Rev. C. Ray Miller*

Promoting the Meeting

At this meeting be certain to read the Bible and also to conduct a roll call, with various members responding by quoting Bible verse or giving a testimony as to what the Lord has done for them and what they intend to do for Him.

Assign the main topics to several capable persons. Following their discussion of the various subjects, ask the entire group to discuss the questions.

Suggested Program Outline

-Prayer Service

-Hymn

-Hymn to Worship: John 6:35

-Location

-Hymn: O Worship the King; Have Thine Own Way, Lord

-Prayer

-Announcements

-Hymn

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-Hymn: Break Thou the Bread of Life

-Hymn: Closing or Communion Service

-Hymn: Lead Me to Calvary

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Therefore, the story of Jesus becomes the sweetest story that we have ever heard and we are thrilled time after time as we hear it and as we read it.

The words, "Saviour" and "Redeemer," are very precious words to all who have yielded their hearts and lives to Him; to all who have realized that they are sinners; to all who have recognized Him as their Saviour; and to all who have received salvation through Him. These words cause us to appreciate what it cost Him to obtain this salvation for us as we are reminded of the Christ of the cross.

DISCUSSION: What does Jesus as Saviour mean to you in your daily activities?

Remembering Ourselves as The Redeemed

Jesus Christ paid a great price for our salvation and this price could not have been paid by anyone other than Himself. Man cannot do it because he has sinned; he has fallen, and thus has failed. Therefore, he cannot make any satisfaction for his past failure or for his disobedience. Of course, he could not set himself free.

Considering these matters, it is clear that Christ has redeemed us, that He is the Redeemer, and that we are the redeemed. In other words, we have been re-purchased; we have been bought with a price. It was a high price to pay but He was willing to do it that He might successfully complete His mission and that we might have an everlasting inheritance.

DISCUSSION: What necessary steps must we take to be forgiven of our sins and to become "new creatures"?

Remembering Those Unsaved

In spite of the fact that Jesus has paid such a great price, there are many who yet have not turned to this One who is able to forgive sin and grant peace, joy, and blessings. There are many who have never surrendered their lives to Him and thus cannot remember Him as Saviour. He has never been their Saviour although He wants to be and He should be.

There are many who, like the innkeeper at Bethlehem on the night that Jesus was born, are just "too busy" with their own little plans; they have no time for the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. For the most part they are not unkind, not hostile, but just "too busy" for the most important things of life and as yet have not made "life's greatest decision."

DISCUSSION: What reasons can you give for the failure of many persons to accept Christ as Saviour?

Remembering Christ as Lord

There are certain persons who have accepted Christ as Saviour and then have seemingly stopped at that point. They have not accepted Him as Lord; have not allowed Him to take complete control of their lives; have not turned their lives over to Him with the realization that He can do more with them than they themselves can do.

Christ does not want us on the sidelines but rather in the game, bearing our responsibilities, assuming our share of the load, and testifying to that which He has done for us.

DISCUSSION: How can we impress upon the minds of other young people that if we have not crowned Christ Lord of all we have not crowned Him Lord at all?

Remembering His Compassion

"So Jesus had compassion upon them" is a statement that we find in the Gospels. Time after time He came to persons in need, had compassion upon them, and healed them or met their need, whatever it happened to be.

What is our attitude toward others? Do we manifest a genuine interest in them so far as their spiritual condition is concerned? Are we willing to pray for others and even to suffer, if need be, that others may be helped? We need the same compassion that our Master possessed!

DISCUSSION: What does it mean to be compassionate and to what extent will we go that others may receive help?

Remembering His Love

On this World-Wide Communion Sunday, it is most appropriate that we remember His love that sent Him to Calvary. He had one purpose in mind—to seek and to save. He was determined to press onward that He might say, while hanging upon the cross, "It is finished." The plan of redemption was now completed—was now finished. He had prayed in the garden that the cup might pass from Him but then concluded, "Nevertheless, not my will but Thine be done." Regardless of the cost, He was willing to suffer that man may be free. May we consider this great love which led Him all the way to Calvary and may we cry out with Thomas, "My Lord and my God!"

DISCUSSION: In light of this discussion do we truly manifest love for Him according to the way in which He loved and loves us?

Closing

Following the discussion of the lesson the leader, the counselor, or the pastor may speak further about the Lord's Supper and what it means to him. He may wish to summarize the thoughts which have been expressed and to discuss further the various interpretations placed upon this sacred ordinance. If possible, the pastor may even be called upon to conduct a brief service of Holy Communion for the group.

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Confession of Christ

No. 1 in a Series: "The Cardinal Principles of Christian Endeavor"

Romans 10:9,10; Matthew 10:32,33; 16:16



Senior-Young People (15-24 Years)

OCTOBER

Comments by Rev. Robert Hess*

Advertising

At Sunday school make this announcement: "Tonight our Christian Endeavor group is to share in a topic on *Confession of Christ*. Please come and participate in the quiz sessions and the general discussion."

Members of the Lookout Committee can assist the leader by phoning. A call might go like this: "Hi, Bill. Did you know that Jim has had a real change of heart while he was away at fall conference? Come and hear what happened. (Then give details about the meeting.)"

By post card send this message: "Sunday's Christian Endeavor meeting will find members discussing some honest confessions. U are needed to make our yoUth meeting successful."

For a poster use this wording: "Does your confession stand the test of discipleship to Christ? Be in the _____ Room at _____ P.M. on Sunday, October 9."

In the church bulletin the announcement might be: "You can't afford to miss the living confession of youth. Be present at Christian Endeavor as _____ leads tonight."

Suggested Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service

Prelude

Presentation of Topic (by the Leader):

The topic tonight is *Confession of Christ*. The word "confess" comes from two words—"con" meaning with and "fateri" meaning acknowledge. The dictionary tells us that to confess is to admit truth, acknowledge belief in, plead guilty, or declare one's sins. How many times we have heard the phrases, "Fess up" or "Let's have the truth." Tonight we want to find the full meaning of this word in relationship to Christ.

Prayer Time

Preparation by Singing: *Faith of Our Fathers; If Your Heart Keeps Right; It Is Well with My Soul; O Jesus, I Have Promised; and Trust and Obey*.

Precepts from the Word (Have three persons read the portions contained in the topic text)

Pressing Toward the Goal (See development under "Quiz Groups")

Preserving the Truth (Testimony time)

Prevailing in Prayer (If a mimeographed program can be made up, the reverse side of the sheet might list a number of prayer suggestions, including individuals with needs for salvation or power to overcome temptation or special strength for service)

Benediction

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AIMS

1. To lift up the first basic principle of Christian Endeavor.
2. To consider the true meaning of confession.
3. To see if our lives check with our confession of Christ.

Ideas for the Leader

Many Scriptures speak of confession. All cannot be covered in the brief period of the meeting. Therefore, select four young people to lead the quiz groups and place in their hands the basic suggestions following, so that they can study and prepare ahead of time.

During the meeting, divide all present into four groups. If there are less than eight present, it might be well to discuss the topic as a committee of the whole.

Allow eight to ten minutes for discussion by groups, then two to three minutes each for a report of findings to the entire society by each quiz group. Use a bell or some other device to signal when time is up. At the testimony time to conclude the meeting, be sure to have some real good confessions ready by assignment.

Quiz Group One

Discuss the following Scriptures on the theme, "Confession in the Old Testament." Read the portions and then answer the questions.

Leviticus 26:40—What was to be confessed?

Verse 42—What would be the results?

Psalms 32:1-5—Did David find blessing when sin was not confessed?

Proverbs 28:13—Can a sinful man prosper? What is mercy?

Joshua 7:19-26—Is sin likely to be discovered? What are the wages? (Romans 6:23)

II Samuel 12:13—What was the result of a rebuke given to Nathan?

A summary verse might be Romans 5:12. Tell from the above verses what one must do.

Quiz Group Two

Discuss the following Scriptures on the theme, "New Testament Confession." Read the portions and answer the questions.

Romans 10:9,10—What is that we are to confess? What is the instrument we use? Where is the source of confession?

I John 4:2—What is the real test of whether one is a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ?

I John 4:12-15—How is this known?

Acts 8:22—What is the ingredient necessary before confession is real? Verse 37—What words should be used?

A summary verse might be John 4:29 or 6:69. Bring out that confession involves a sense of sinfulness, a conviction of sin, and real repentance.

Quiz Group Three

Discuss the following Scriptures on the theme, "God's Confession." Read the portions and face the questions.

Matthew 10:32—Where are we to confess? Where will Christ confess us?

Mark 8:35—What happens when God first?

II Timothy 2:12—What future does God have for every one of us who trusts Christ?

Romans 14:10-12—Where will we stand the judgment of believers? Look up I Corinthians 3:13.

Philippians 2:8-11—What is the future of all who will be face to face with Christ? Revelation 3:5—What is Christ now confessing? See Romans 8:34 and Romans 8:26.

To summarize, make a list of the privileges we have because of God's confession to us.

Quiz Group Four

Discuss the following Scriptures on the theme, "Confession with Lip and Life." Read the portions and consider the questions.

Numbers 21:7-9—What was Israel's prayer, and remedy?

Daniel 9:2-23—What was Daniel's confession to God? What followed confession?

Matthew 10:42,43—Is the problem of testimony of your life like that suggested here?

I John 2:23; 4:2—What is the test of true life before God?

James 5:16—When we have injured others, what should we do?

John 1:20—Is this a testimony something like we should give today?

I John 1:9—To what Christian is this made daily experience? Where it says, "cleansed from all unrighteousness," the original meaning is that of "keeping on (continuous action) cleansing."

A summary verse could be Titus 2:11. This is what our lives should be.

A Concluding Thought

(From *What Christian Endeavor Believes* written by Bishop Robert W. Rash, D.D.)

A certain quiet, retiring young man came home from a Sunday evening Christian Endeavor meeting more joyful than common. His aged grandmother inquired, "Did you have a good meeting tonight?" Whereupon with radiant countenance, he replied, "Certainly did. Everyone took part. Three of our associate members became Christians, confessed Christ for the first time tonight, and the rest of us told what Christ means to each of us, in school, at work, and play, and I was so full of joy. Grandmother, our meeting tonight was indeed great! It was a glorious Christian Endeavor meeting, and I hope we have many more like it."

OCTOBER 9

Comments by Dr. Raymond M. Veh*

Let us stand amazed at how God works in history—and today.



Service for Christ

No. 2 in a Series: "The Cardinal Principles of Christian Endeavor"

Romans 12:1; Matthew 20:28; I Timothy 1:12

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years)

OCTOBER

Comments by Mrs. Ernest Hone, Jr.*

Aim

To show us that service for Christ is necessary if we are to:

1. Be obedient to God
2. Grow in Christ
3. Maintain a consistent Christian witness to the world

Publicity

Place a poster in your church on which you have drawn a young man on one side, and a scarecrow on the other. Between these pictures, letter the words, **WHICH CAN SERVE CHRIST BEST?** Beneath these, list time and place of meeting, as well as the name of the topic: *Service for Christ*.

Suggested Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service

Hymn: *Living for Jesus*

Prayer

Scripture: Romans 12:1; Matthew 20:28; I Timothy 1:12

Hymn: *In the Service of the King*

Announcements; Offering

Special Music

Introduction of Topic

Presentation and Discussion

Hymn: *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

Benediction

Introduction

Often we hear the expression, "He is in full-time Christian service . . ." and by this the speaker refers to a person whose vocation is the ministry, working with a Christian service organization, or doing missionary work. This expression reveals the attitude of many Christians, that service for Christ is an optional exercise; that we can take it or leave it; that we can contribute a little or a lot of time to it, depending on our inclination; that only those who are specifically "called" of God to certain vocations are actually "full-time" Christian servants.

Sometimes these misconceptions actually limit our usefulness to God. We overlook unlimited opportunities, waste valuable time, and miss abundant blessings because we do not realize that **ALL** who bear Christ's name should consider themselves in *full-time* service for Him.

I. An Obligation

(Romans 12:1; Matthew 20:28)

Through the giving of His life, Christ gave us life eternal. If we accept the life He offers us, we must also accept an obligation—His way of life. Christ's life was a

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Can we serve Christ and still maintain an identity with the world?
2. What is the danger of placing too much emphasis on Christian fellowship rather than on Christian service?
3. Name some of the ways that we can actively serve Christ now at home, in school, at church.
4. Name some of the ways that we can actively serve Christ as we become adults.
5. What are some projects that our Christian Endeavor society could undertake to further our service for Christ?

pattern of service. If we are to be "Christians,"—that is, followers of Christ—we must follow the pattern of living established by Him.

Romans 12:1 urges us to present our bodies a "living sacrifice," concluding that this is only reasonable, or logical. The word *living* completely changes the connotation of the word *sacrifice*. It implies that we are not to sacrifice inanimate objects or things, nor abstract ideas or motivations, but ourselves. This involves every phase of our living; our thinking; our doing; our desires; our interests; our feelings—everything.

What does it mean to sacrifice? It simply means to give up. Therefore, we are to give up our lives to God, to give Him all of our living. We no longer spend our time and thought primarily on how to make ourselves comfortable, successful, and happy, but we put Christ first in our thinking.

Is this attitude possible? Is it practical? Is it necessary? Paul goes even further than that! He says it is only reasonable, or logical, under the circumstances. Christian service is, for the Christian, part of his living and doing and being. In fact, it is the very **FIRST** part!

II. An Opportunity (I Timothy 1:12)

We rarely stop and think of Christ in terms of **WHO** He is. He is Almighty God, the Creator of earth and of heaven; the King of Kings; the Saviour of men.

Who are we then, by comparison? What can we do with our frail bodies, finite minds, and human hearts that might be of service to Him? Surely we should rejoice, as Timothy did, that we can in any way represent Him or work for Him. For serving Christ is a high calling, a wonderful opportunity.

The first opportunity which is ours through serving Christ is, of course, the opportunity to glorify God. We can fulfill our need to thank and praise Him by giving Him our lives in service. We can strive to honor Him in all that we do, seek Him daily in prayer and Bible study, make our conversation, our thoughts, and our behavior reflective of His light and love.

The second opportunity available to us through service for Christ is in our relationship to others. For some of us, this may

mean "going into all the world to preach the Gospel"; for some of us it may mean simply influencing our family and friends but for all of us it means the way in which we meet social situations and establish man relationships at school, at home, at church, or wherever we may be. And in every case it means that we must put our interest in and our concern for others before our own interests and desires.

Sometimes these opportunities are small—simply doing a good deed, or providing a listening ear. Sometimes we have the highest opportunity of all, that of pointing others to Christ and to life eternal. But in every instance of our relationships with other people, we must be very careful of our own relationship to Christ is steady and sure. We cannot reflect His light unless we are in the right position and unless our lives are bright and clean.

The third opportunity which is ours through serving Christ is one that affects us personally: it is the opportunity to grow spiritually. Just as physical exercise develops our muscles and strengthens our bodies, active service for Christ helps spiritual lives to deepen and mature. Selfish service gives us a real radiance; Christians; likewise, lack of it causes us to remain spiritually immature and ineffective.

This can even be seen on the level of Christian Endeavor societies: those which actively serving Christ, which are reaching and influencing others, grow and flourish. Those which are following their own self-inclinations and interests are stagnant and stale, sometimes even struggling to remain alive.

III. An Outcome

The outcome of our efforts toward serving Christ can never be measured. Hudson Taylor served Christ, and his service left an imprint on an entire continent.

We may leave words while witnessing to others that seemingly have no effect; years later they may take root and grow. We may surrender some selfish pleasure, or consider it an effort wasted; yet someone may have silently seen our behavior and been quietly pointed toward our Saviour.

We neither know, nor need to know, the number of people influenced by our Christian service, nor the number of ways we may have been used by God to effect His perfect will. But we do know and can feel unspeakable joy and perfect peace which are born in our hearts as we serve Christ.

Conclusion

In the Christian Endeavor pledge promise, "Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength, I will strive to do whatever would have me do." This is a promise toward unlimited Christian service. Do **WHATEVER** Christ would have us do, the highest form of service we can render, and our service is not bound by human limitations if we are truly trusting in Him strength.

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Attend Church Regularly

No. 1 in a Series: "Support Your Church"

Hebrews 10:25a



Junior High (12-14 Years)

OCTOBER 16

Comments by Mrs. George West*

For the Leader

Make a poster with a calendar page of the present month on it. In bold lettering the CHURCH across every Sunday on the calendar page. Below this write the title, *Attend Church Regularly*. Add these words, *We're looking for you in Junior High Christian Endeavor (date, time, and place).*

Suggested Order of Service

Prayer Service
Opening Song: *Give of Your Best to the Master*
Opening Prayer
Singing Service: *He Keeps Me Singing; Is It the Crowning Day; Living for Jesus; The Church's One Foundation; For Christ and the Church*
Announcements
Offering
Special Music: *O Worship the King*
Topic (Panel Discussion)
Closing Song: *Blessed Assurance*
Benediction

Use a Panel

Have four panel members lead this discussion, each presenting a subtopic, with discussion after each presentation. The panelists may be seated at a table in front of the group.

Why Attend Church Regularly?

To Worship God

Webster says worship means to pay divine honors to deity.* Believers worship the deity of God.

Let us examine ourselves. Are we believers? Do we believe Jesus is the Son of God, that He died for our sins and that He rose from the dead on the third day? Do we believe this? Then we will want to worship Him. Psalm 96 says we may worship through singing praises to the Lord. In church we have time to meditate on His merciful mercy and grace, talk to Him through prayer, and listen to Him through His Holy Word and dedicated messenger. We can worship only what we love. Up to the one we adore, we want to shower our affections. While we love and serve Him fully, we must often draw apart from every interfering thought and care. This is easiest in the quiet, serene atmosphere of the church. Our fears and cares are easily set aside when surrounded by still hearts and words and by music pointing the way to the cross.

God desires that we gather for worship. His Word says that where two or three are gathered together in His Name, He is in their midst. In Psalm 96:6 we read: "Strength and beauty are in His sanctuary." Enter His sanctuary in a spirit of holiness, love, adoration, and stillness of heart. Then He will speak to us so we can hear.

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AIMS

1. To show why regular church attendance is vital to the Christian.
2. To point out that lack of regular church attendance is dangerous.

QUESTIONS

1. How can we support the church to which we belong?
2. Does God expect us to identify ourselves with a body of Christians?
3. Can we grow spiritually without instruction and fellowship?
4. Should we come to church to worship only?
5. Is financial support of the church enough?

His voice clearly, without a doubt. Enter with reverence. We owe this respect to our master because He is the almighty, omnipotent King of Kings who rules over all.

God gives us peace when we worship Him. John 14:27 says, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." John 15:13,14 reads, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you."

In the strife and turmoil of the world, people are seeking peace of mind as never before. The Lord is the only real source of inner peace. Inner peace is found in a right relationship with God through Jesus Christ His Son.

II. For Training and Instruction

To accept Christ as Saviour is the first step, then growing in knowledge is next. To be born physically and remain a baby forever would be a pity. To be born spiritually and remain a baby would be just as pitiful. We must grow to maturity. In Christ this comes through knowledge, obedience, and love. In church we learn to love God deeply. We learn His truths. Faith and wisdom come from learning and experience. These are taught by teachers of His Word. From this we grow.

Through youth leaders and activities we learn from experiences and action. Christian Endeavor offers a magnificent opportunity to put into practice what we have learned. Christian Endeavor trains us for Christian leadership. Learning to live by God's principles; learning to witness to others about our Lord; learning to love others as ourselves; learning to proclaim His matchless grace—all are products of Christian Endeavor! The friends made, the Christian fellowship enjoyed, and the influence of Christian friends shall never be forgotten.

III. For Fellowship with God's People

The right company is important. What influence can be better? We need many Christian friends who understand our convictions, who understand us, and who will share our joys and sorrows. The world shall never understand. Fellowship with other Christians lessens our temptations. We learn

a great deal by sharing each other's experiences. The bond between Christians is greater and stronger than the world can ever create. The church is the hub of Christian fellowship, as Christian activity is organized and directed there by dedicated leaders. Through this fellowship the sincere Christian grows.

Young people like a meeting place. Youth like crowds. At church you will find the Christ-centered crowd. Meet your friends there.

IV. To Prove Loyalty

When a Christian unites with the church, in the vows he takes he promises the Lord to be loyal to His Church. Our Christian Endeavor motto emphasizes *For Christ and the Church*.

As pointed out earlier, it is here we receive instruction and grow in our faith. That which we belong to, we must support. Supporting a church does not refer to financial backing only, it refers also to giving of ourselves. Our talents and our time are essential, too. God wants us to be good managers of ourselves and then He can use us for His glory.

Our talents are from God. Do we offer them for His work? We do not know the full extent of our talents until we have tried them. Are we open vessels for His service, to be filled by Him? He has given us hands to do His work, and feet to deliver His Word. We are here on borrowed time and are at His mercy. We owe everything to Him. He generously gave us this life and with it the opportunity of salvation. This life He gave to further the Gospel. He established the Church for our fellowship that we may be strengthened and encouraged by gathering together in His name. Are we loyal to His command and do we use this wonderful privilege?

Real Life Situation

John became acquainted with Jesus at a summer conference. John learned to love Him dearly during the two weeks at camp. Quiet time in the morning was a real experience out under the tall pines. Life was great with all this Christian fellowship at camp. It seems easier to get closer to God away from the city and up high in the mountains nearer Heaven.

Then the day came to leave camp and go back to the city. John returned home to a family who did not know the Lord. John was not acquainted with any church in his community and his family did not encourage him. John thought at least he could keep his Quiet Hour daily but he lacked fellowship with other Christians. Finally his zeal and enthusiasm wore off, because he was not encouraged daily by others.

The next summer he heard about camp and, realizing his lukewarm condition, again wanted to get back to the Lord. This time he learned of a good church from the Bible teacher and made sure he became active in it. Fellowship in a church is as vital for a spiritual life as meat is for the physical life.



Loyalty to Christ's Church

No. 3 in a Series: "The Cardinal Principles of Christian Endeavor"

I Corinthians 4:2; Matthew 25:21

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years)

OCTOBER

Comments by Dr. M. Eugene Osterhaven*

Aims

To understand the nature of Christ's Church, our responsibility to it and the necessity of our being loyal to it.

Promotion

Secure pictures of three or four different churches in various settings. Place these on a poster, neatly arranged, with the topic printed in large letters. Mention also the time and place of your meeting. If possible, make several such posters and place them in strategic places in your community the week before your meeting.

Preparation for the Leader

We live in a day when many Christians feel little responsibility towards the Church of Christ. They affirm their belief in God and the "good life" but their attendance at and service to the Church, which is Christ's body, is minimal. Is such a person a Christian? Making a judgment in a question of this nature is dangerous but Jesus Himself says that "by their fruits" we know what people are like. This topic is an opportunity to consider an important theme which can lead to lively discussion.

Suggested Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service
Call to Worship: Psalm 100
Hymn: *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord*
Scripture: Ephesians 4:1-16
Sentence Prayers
Announcements
Offering
Hymn: *The Church's One Foundation*
Presentation of Topic
Discussion of Topic
Hymn: *Oh Jesus, I Have Promised*
Benediction

Introducing the Topic

The church in your community may be an imposing edifice suggestive of strength and beauty. Or it may have an unimpressive building which may cause some to wonder how important the church really is. The church, however, is not a building; nor can its significance be measured so easily, or in physical terms. The Church is the Body of Christ, the fellowship of His people, empowered by the Holy Spirit and living through the grace of its divine head.

In some areas of the world today where the church is influencing the lives and cultures of people to a remarkable degree, the buildings in which Christians worship are made only of mud, or of grass and bamboo. The devotion and spiritual strength of the worshipers, however, is great. The Church is not brick and mortar, wood or stone, but it is people with faith and love in their hearts and Christ as their Lord.

That Church is an holy, catholic church. The first adjective means that it is re-

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Why are some Christians so lacking in loyalty to the church? List reasons.
2. What percentage of the members of your church attend each week?
3. How besides church attendance can one show his loyalty to the church?
4. Can one be loyal to Christ without having an interest in the church?
5. Consider Hebrews 10:24,25.

deemed by Christ and made holy in Him, that it is consecrated to His service. The word "catholic" means universal. Christ's Church is the one church which embraces all true believers who call upon His name (Romans 10:13). "There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all, and in you all" (Ephesians 4:4-6).

The churches of the Reformation took with great seriousness the doctrine of the catholicity of the church. The Reformation was needed, it was felt, because of a lack of catholicity in the church. It had become too "Roman" in some areas and too "Greek" in others. The church was no longer "catholic," or universal, in its breadth, outlook, and teachings, but had become provincial and errant. The Reformers sought to restore it to true catholicity.

There is a continuing need for emphasis on this point. We need to be reminded that there is only one Church "built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone, in whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord" (Ephesians 2:20f).

Our first loyalty as members of Christ's Church is not to our local congregation, as closely as we are tied into its varied activities; nor is it to our particular denomination, as dearly as we love it. Our first loyalty is to Jesus Christ, and then to His holy catholic Church. Other loyalties come after these.

Our Responsibility

When God calls people into fellowship with Himself He also calls them into service. In recognition of this, Christian Endeavor exists "for Christ and the Church," as its motto declares. Privilege means responsibility. God calls us "out of darkness into his marvelous light" that we may "show forth (his) praises" (I Peter 2:9). Christ calls His disciples the salt of the earth, the leaven of society, the light of the world, His witnesses. In fact, His disciples are the means through which He accomplishes His will in the world. Our hands are the hands He uses; our feet are His means to get tasks done; our lips are used to tell the Gospel to others and to sing His praise. If we do not sense our responsibility to serve Him He will have to use others.

The central teaching in the Word of God is the fact that God lives and that we stand as responsible creatures before Him. Elijah often used this expression, "the living God before whom I stand," pointing up this fact. He had a deep sense of his existence in the presence of God and of the reality of God's presence and power in every phase of human life. It is this that made Elijah sure of himself before wicked King Ahaziah and his iniquitous wife, Jezebel. The person who has come to know God and who lives responsibly before Him is fearless and strong. His life is filled with meaning because he serves the Lord.

Loyalty to Christ's Church

Loyalty to one's nation, friends, or family is important. Loyalty to Christ and His Church are more important. Yet there is widespread indifference and disloyalty even among professing Christian people.

There are people who fancy that they can be Christians without the church. Three men once asked a minister, "Do you think a man can get to heaven without joining church?" "I think he could," said the minister. They laughed, patted him on the back and called him broad-minded.

Then the preacher said, "Let me ask you a question, and I want you to answer me as quickly as I answered you. Why do you want to go to heaven that way?" They were speechless. The minister continued, "Why don't you ask me another question? Why don't you ask if a man could get to England without a boat?" "Well," they said, "we will ask you that. Now what's the answer?"

He replied, "I see no reason why a man could not get to England without a boat provided he was a good swimmer, tied one foot between his shoulders to eat on that way, had strength to buffet all the waves if a shark did not get him. And suppose you did get to England that way, do you think you would get there ahead of the man who goes by ship?"

Many other people are members of the church but lacking in loyalty. A good index of loyalty is attendance at worship. The average attendance in most Protestant churches today is about 30 per cent of the membership. Some have more, some less depending on the area and denomination.

Dr. Andrew W. Blackwood says, "In a church with 300 members an average for the year of 100 at Bible school and 75 at morning worship, or vice versa, would not be counted low. As for the evening service and the midweek meeting, how estimate numbers when there are no such gatherings?"

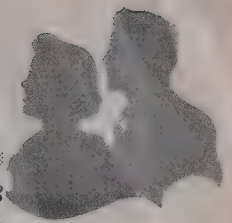
Some persons lost in the country asked a farmer for directions. "Go back," said he, "to the little white church on the corner. There is a profound lesson in that story, and it is learned well when persons go back to that church and stay loyal to it.

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Reach Out through Your Church

No. 2 in a Series: "Support Your Church"

Acts 1:8



Junior High (12-14 Years)

OCTOBER 23

Comments by Mrs. Aldis Webb*

Points of the Lesson

1. To show that our youth must be con-
tributed to the task of spreading the Gospel
to the ends of the earth as quickly and as
efficiently as possible.

2. To show the many avenues through
which this may be done.

Planning the Meeting

Prepare a good-sized map of the world,
with the wording, "Ye Shall Be My Wit-
nesses," across the top. Around your home
draw a small circle, and draw three
concentric circles, the largest one ex-
tending to the outside boundaries of the
map. Add the name of the leader, the place
of the meeting, and an invitation to the meet-
ing. Use for a poster to advertise the meet-
ing in the morning and then hang in front
of the meeting to use as the discussion
background.

Make assignments at least a week in ad-
vance. Be much in prayer for God's guid-
ance. This is a meeting which can have far-
reaching results.

Suggested Program Outline

Prayer Service

Enthusiastic Song Service: *In the Service of
the King; Living for Jesus; We've a Story
to Tell to the Nations; With Thy Spirit
Fill Me* (repeat refrain softly, then hum
it)

Prayer, closed with prayer by some-
one appointed in advance

Leader's Talk

Lesson Presentation

Questions and Discussion

Prayer Period

Scripture: Matthew 9:38; John 4:35; Mat-
thew 28:19,20

Hymn: *Where He Leads Me*

Conclusion

Leader's Talk

During Jesus' ministry here on earth He
threw about Himself twelve men whom
He personally trained to carry on. When
He had completed His work, and after His
resurrection, He gave His disciples a fare-
well message. It is this message which is
the "standing orders" for His followers to
carry on His work by witnessing for Him
wherever they are. This message is often
spoken of as "The Great Commission" and
is found in Matthew 28:19,20.

Our Scripture lesson tonight gives us ad-
ditional directions (Acts 1:8). The Great
Commission applies to each and every fol-
lower of Christ, and we shall see how we
can be witnesses from our Jerusalem unto
the uttermost parts of the earth.

Jerusalem. Let us think of our Jerusalem as our homes.

Sylvia was an only child. Her mother
took great pride in the fact that she had an
broken Bible school attendance record,
and that she could quote many entire
verses. Webb is a long-time Endeavorer from
Clatskanie, Oregon, having served as sponsor
of many Junior High groups and as a state
committee officer.

QUESTIONS

1. Why is it important to have a life purpose?
2. Why will the Christian be guided by Christian principles in making his choice of a life work?
3. Why are we responsible for the best use of the talents given to us?
4. What did Jesus mean when He said, "Ye are the light of the world"?

chapters from the Bible from memory. At a service when Sylvia had been presented a beautiful Bible as an award for her memory work, someone was heard to remark, "What a wonderful Christian girl. I wish that my daughter could quote Scripture like that!" The reply by Sylvia's next-door neighbor was, "It's all very good for her to be able to quote Scripture, but I'd like to see her practice a little of it. You would know what I mean if you lived as near as I do, and could hear the disgraceful way she talks to her mother."

Why is home the hardest place of all to be Christlike? Can we ever have Christian nations without Christian homes? Give reasons for your answer.

Judea. Let us think of our Judea as our church, school, and community.

A poll taken in a number of large high schools revealed the fact that the majority did not feel that religion was necessary, but rather old-foggyish. Many who did attend church could not give a reason other than that their parents went and that they had been taught it was "the thing to do." They did not seem to realize at all that the church is a divine institution, established for the purpose of evangelizing the world.

Why do YOU go to church? Can you give a reason for the faith that is in you? Is there a need for witnessing for Christ in your school? How can we best witness for Christ at school? Are boys and girls who do not know Christ in America just as pagan as those in Africa?

Marjorie's mother was heard to remark, "I'm so glad that Marjorie is going around with Ruth. I like Ruth's influence on her. Marjorie hasn't missed going to Bible school or Christian Endeavor once since she started chumming with Ruth."

Why is FAITHFUL attendance at Bible school and church a silent witness for Christ? What are other ways that we can witness to our friends? What was Jesus' definition of neighbor (Luke 10:25-37)?

A group of Junior Highs went one Sunday night to sing for a shut-in member of their church. The man was so happy to think that the young people cared enough to sing for him that tears of joy ran down his face. After leaving, one boy said, "I wouldn't have missed that visit tonight for anything. It made me feel so good inside to be able to make Mr. Brown so happy."

What did Jesus mean when He said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me"?

Samaria. Let us think of our Samaria as our relationship to those of other races than our own.

This is a very real problem in America today, and in other parts of the world as well. We must do away with the feeling that the white race is superior.

Why is it inconsistent to be eager to send the Gospel across the ocean, and not be willing to associate with people of other races in our own country?

Christians are needed at school who will be friendly with all, regardless of race, color, intelligence, or nationality. We know that race riots are inevitable unless equal opportunities and privileges are given to the large minority groups, meaning the 13 million Negroes, 8 million Jews, the thousands of Mexican and Spanish origin, and other smaller groups of foreign born. People who really think know that race discrimination cannot continue without trouble. The only solution is the Christian solution. Christian boys and girls can do their part by being friendly with all groups.

Unto the Uttermost Parts of the Earth

We can carry out this part of the Great Commission by *praying, sending, or going*. Sometimes young people have the idea that full-time Christian service means to be a minister or a missionary, but there are many fields of service in the outreach of the church around the world.

Evangelists are needed to go into the vil-
lages and preach and teach.

Doctors can pave the way for the preach-
ing of the message of God's love by the
ministry of healing.

Nurses can do the same as doctors, and
in some countries can serve to train native
nurses.

Teachers are needed in schools for chil-
dren of missionaries and in schools for train-
ing native leaders. Kindergarten teachers
and Bible college teachers are needed.

Printers are needed to print books, tracts,
and other materials in the language of the
people.

Radio is being used to carry the message
to millions who will not attend services but
who will turn on their radios.

Builders are using their talents to help in
this much-needed area on all mission fields.

We should all consider the fact that our
lives are gifts from God and that we are
only stewards. We should ask Him to help
us to choose a vocation in which we can
make our lives count the most for Him
(Romans 14:12).

Someone has said, "A call is a need, that
need expressed, and the ability to meet that
need." Many young people must seriously
consider the persistent call of the needy
peoples of the world. The Great Commis-
sion is a 20th Century Call.

*Is any Christian excused from witnessing
for Christ? Is your group in earnest about
winning the world for Christ? How many
have you won this past year?*



Fellowship with Christ's People

No. 4 in a Series: "The Cardinal Principles of Christian Endeavor"

Acts 2:41-47; 1 John 1:7; Acts 10:34,35

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years)

OCTOBER

Comments by Rev. Walter C. Schaeffer

Aims

To learn to apply the fourth principle of Christian Endeavor, *Fellowship with Christ's People*, to our everyday experiences, and relations.

To learn that God is the Father of all people and as such we have definite responsibilities to all peoples and races.

Advertise

Cut pictures of people of all races and with these make posters showing these people in various groupings with perhaps a picture of Christ placed above them to demonstrate that He is Saviour of all people, or perhaps the poster might show that all men are equal in God's sight, or that men are all dependent upon each other and upon God.

Suggested Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service

Call to Worship: Psalm 33:13-15

Song Service: *In Christ There Is No East or West; Christ Is the Answer; Saved to Tell Others.*

Scripture: Acts 2:41-47; Acts 10:34,35; 1 John 1:7

Sentence Prayers

Announcements

Offering

Hymn: *We've a Story to Tell to the Nations*

Discussion of Topic

Hymn: *Wide as the Ocean*

Friendship Circle

Benediction

Development of Topic

This is the fourth in a series of meetings on the four basic principles of Christian Endeavor. Throughout the history of Christian Endeavor these principles have served to guide the organization and to remind its members that the Christian faith is at one and the same time a very personal relationship with one's God and a world-wide relationship with all of God's children. These principles have helped remind Endeavorers of that to which they owe their loyalty as well as that to which they will give their service.

Christian Endeavor stands among the first to advocate Christian fellowship that would transcend racial, national and denominational boundaries. In addition, its attitude and plan of action in these matters has been a positive and creative one. Let us examine these three areas of human co-operation.

Interdenominational Relations

These days we hear much of such terms as ecumenicity, church cooperation, comity, and others. These terms often mean different things to different people, but in general they are used to refer to churches working together outside of denominational ties.

Christian Endeavor has been the pioneer youth organization in this field. Usually we

unite with a particular denomination because we agree with its faith and polity as in turn it disagrees with the faith and polity of other groups. Thus it is our differences with others which tend to band us together in denominations. In Christian Endeavor we stress the points on which all of us can agree and build our fellowship upon these agreements.

The principles which separate us into denominations are important, and we would not attempt to disregard them. At the same time, however, it is a wonderful experience to be a part of a gathering in which people sit beside each other, worship together, and join in prayer to a common God, without knowing or caring about the particular denomination to which their neighbors belong. Merely being aware that each is a follower of the same Christ is enough at such moments.

Discuss such questions as: What is the value of denominations? What do I owe my denomination? How can we emphasize our common faith through interdenominational activity? What did Christ have to say about divisions among us? About unity among us?

International Relations

Christian Endeavor is found among most nations of the world. In addition, numerous conferences and conventions are held in various lands, to which other nations send youth delegates. This has been a part of Christian Endeavor's contribution to world understanding, and hence to peace.

It is a heart-warming and eye-opening experience to hear familiar hymns being sung in an unfamiliar tongue. The music sounds the same but the words do not. Still we have a renewed feeling that all Christians do not speak our own language. We are again impressed that there are fellow Christians in all parts of the world. Thus we begin to take an interest in other nations and to look upon them as our friends. Christian Endeavor has done much to promote good will among people in many nations.

More important than this is the realization that comes when we attend such gatherings, that people in other lands are God's children, too. God has created them and Christ has shed His blood for them. They are our brothers in Christ. Thus our interest in them develops into concern for them and for their salvation.

Discuss such questions as: How can we overcome the separation of language? Can we reveal God's love in other ways than through the use of languages? How can we overcome the separation brought about by national governments? Here is an interesting question: What language will be spoken in heaven?

Finally, look up Matthew 24:14 and discuss what this means and the extent to which the Gospel is now preached in all nations.

Interracial Relations

This is at present one of the most trying and pertinent questions before society. Once again it should be pointed out that Christian Endeavor has believed in a practiced interracial fellowship throughout its long and proud history. Christian Endeavor has always believed that Paul, guided by the Holy Spirit when he said, "And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth."—And again Jesus said, "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another" (John 13:34). This Scripture and others like it convey the thought that is basic to *Fellowship with Christ's People*.

Discuss such questions as: Can any good come from violence? Do we help others ourselves to be more Christlike by making demands? What do we owe other races?

Personal Relations

In trying to improve our relationships beyond our little sphere of interest, let us not forget our obligations to those with whom we live every day. In our school and community organizations are many who need of a Christian friend. Fellowships with these people can mean the difference between a lost soul or a soul saved in Christ.

One type of evangelism being developed in our churches is called Friendship Evangelism. In this type of work, we first make a friend, and then we bring that friend to Christ. This lends itself readily to Christian Endeavor activities, and should not certainly be a part of our fellowship program.

Finally, we must be reminded that most of our intimate relationships with Christ people occur in our own homes. Here is opportunity to develop family worship where there is none. Here also we may help make the home a place where each of us may share our troubles as well as our greatest joys. As the poet has said, "It takes a heap o' livin' in a house t' make it home."

Summary

Much of the world's troubles, much of the international strife is the result of ignorance of other peoples. We ought to use every opportunity to meet, speak and associate with people from other countries.

Perhaps we should turn to Scripture again for our final admonition. "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ" (Galatians 6:2).

Discuss such questions as: Are there limitations on Christian fellowship? Is it easier to love some one close by than some one who lives far away? Can we fellowship with people who have different customs than ours? How? To what extent? Are there any limits to Christ's love?

Freedom--It Costs Something!

Romans 6:14-23



for High (12-14 Years)

OCTOBER 30

Comments by Dr. Jerome DeJong*

Ship Suggestions

Since this topic receives its content from the Reformation, it is important to emphasize throughout the service the great themes of the Reformation: authority of the Bible, priesthood of all believers, and justification by faith.

The Christian Endeavor song book has reformation hymns as such, but you will be able to find somewhere the great hymn of Luther, *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*. Calvin has only one hymn ascribed to him. This hymn is difficult to find (See the Reformed Psalter Hymnal). The hymn is *I Greet Thee Who My Sure Reformer Art*. Have this sung as a solo, if you find it. Another appropriate hymn is *Our Father's*. A good opening prayer is *The Son of God Goes Forth to Conquer*. For Scripture read Romans 1:1-17.

Introducing the Topic

Ask the persons present to name some freedoms in the United States whose names are associated with freedom. Two names will probably hear are George Washington (our freedom from Great Britain) and Abraham Lincoln (the freedom of the Negro).

Why is freedom so important to us in America? The answer is because in our country we are able to live unhindered lives. We live according to the dictates of conscience. The early colonists in great numbers were willing to risk life and limb and endure great hardships in order that they might be free. Everyone, no doubt, is willing to risk life and limb today and to endure suffering to maintain our freedom. Think, for a moment, of the thousands who died in the last wars to keep our world free.

What Are We Fighting For?

We are willing to do all that for the sake of our political freedom as a nation, but much more ought we to be willing to fight for our religious freedom! In a very real sense Reformation Day is Independence Day.

Understanding Our Faith

It is important for young people to be able to see and understand the difference between intolerance and understanding. When we Protestants begin to talk about differences from the Roman Catholic people many times think we are intolerant and intolerant. It is true that sometimes we are.

There are people in the world who really are Catholics. This is not true, however, of many dedicated Christians. We must be careful on the other hand not to sell ourselves short and say, "What difference does it make if I marry a Catholic? They are Christians, are they not?"

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The Reformation set forth some very basic positions with respect to faith which still apply today. As Protestant Christians we must not sell these convictions short. The Reformation is so called because it sought to "reform the church according to the Word of God." The early Reformers had no intention of separating from the established church. It was the established church that separated them. As you know, Martin Luther and all his followers were excommunicated from the church they were trying to reform.

Distinctive Reformation Teachings

There were three things especially basic to the teaching of the Reformation that were in question during this time. Let us observe the teaching of the Roman Church on these matters.*

(1) The Authority of the Bible

"It is the exclusive privilege of the holy Mother Church to decide on true sense and the interpretation of the holy Scriptures and no one shall dare to explain them contrary to the sense which the church regards as correct."

(2) Justification by faith

"As justifying grace is infused into man he receives the power to keep all God's commandments, and through good works directly to merit eternal salvation."

(3) Priesthood of all believers

"The priests are therefore to be regarded as an order wholly and essentially different from the laity."

It would be a good thing at this point to pause and discuss each of these beliefs in turn. What do we believe, as Protestants, concerning each one? Why is the Roman Catholic interpretation incorrect? Are these teachings as vitally important today as they were in 1517? Do you find that sometimes even among Protestants these issues are under dispute?

Church and State

Before we leave these basic principles we ought to consider, just a moment, the relation of church and state. Of course, various peoples interpret these matters differently. However, generally speaking we are agreed that the state ought not to favor one religion (denomination) above another and that one special group certainly ought not to dominate the government. A recent article in *Theology Today* (January 1959) tells exactly what the Catholic position is on this matter. "The union of church and state is definitely a matter of the essence of the Roman Church" (p.541).

Men of Conviction

We shall list the names of a few of those men engaged in the Reformation. Ask the group present to tell something about each one. Very likely some will be complete strangers.

(1) *Martin Luther* — The father of the Reformation, so-called. Placed his theses in 1517. *Karl Grand, Distinctive Doctrines*, pp. 66, 92, 110.

opposition to indulgences on door of Wittenburg Cathedral, October 31, 1517. The Lutheran Churches claim him as founder.

(2) *John Calvin*—The great Swiss reformer. One of the greatest minds of the Reformation. Wrote a major theological work, *The Institutes*, at 28. All Reformed Churches claim him as founder.

(3) *Ulrich Zwingli*—Another great Swiss Reformer. Began his reforming work in Zurich.

(4) *Oecolampadius*—A very learned preacher and scholar who furthered the cause of Zwingli in Switzerland.

(5) *Philip Melancthon*—The great theologian of Lutheranism. Assisted Martin Luther and established Lutheranism through his writings.

(6) *William Farel*—A Swiss Reformer and zealous evangelist who sought to establish a simple church order and a vigorous discipline.

(7) *Theodore Beza*—The successor of John Calvin in Geneva. Somewhat more harsh in teaching than the former.

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How About You?

We have discussed all these great leaders of the Reformation. You realize that the church of today also needs consecrated leadership. We need men and women to teach the faith. We need preachers, evangelists, and missionaries. Are you challenged enough to go out, at the cost of life, and work for Christ?

"Rise up, O men of God!
Have done with lesser things;
Give heart and soul and mind and strength
To serve the King of Kings."

Illustration

A hunter became separated from his hunting party and was soon hopelessly lost in a maze of fields and forests. He wandered aimlessly for hours, and finally was delighted to find a road. He walked for miles along the road, and was almost overcome with depression and fatigue. Finally, off in the distance he spied what surely must be a farmer working in a field. He quickened his pace and headed straight for the figure with renewed energy and purpose. But to his dismay as he approached it, he saw that it was not a farmer at all, but a scarecrow which had been propped high in a field of corn. The scarecrow had clothes like a man, and even a grotesque face, and from a distance he seemed very real indeed. But there was no life in him. He could not console the lost hunter, nor direct him toward help and safety. Except at a distance, he could fool no one but the crows!

Are you a real living Christian, or are you just a scarecrow? Do you resemble a Christian only from a distance, or are you a living, serving Christian who can direct those who are lost to the Saviour? Are you only fooling the crows?

Daily Bible Readings for Your Quiet Hour

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These readings are grouped together on one page in order that Endeavorers may easily use them. Why not clip out this section and place it in your Bible, ready for your daily Quiet Hour observance.



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M., Sept. 12. The Winner's Reward. Revelation 3:5,12,21.
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Sun., Sept. 25. Topic—A Great Cheering Section. Hebrews 12:1; Ephesians 2:19-22.
M., Sept. 26. Memories of the Bread of Life. John 6:35,48-51.
T., Sept. 27. Memories of Shed Blood. Hebrews 9:20-28.
W., Sept. 28. Memories of Death. I Corinthians 15:1-3.
T., Sept. 29. Memories of Resurrection. I Peter 1:3-5.
F., Sept. 30. Memories of Promised Return. John 14:1-6.
S., Oct. 1. Memories of Our Identity. I Corinthians 10:15-17,21.
Sun., Oct. 2. Topic—Memories of Jesus. I Corinthians 11:23-28. (World-Wide Communion Sunday)
M., Oct. 3. Paul Summarizes History. Acts 17:24-31.
T., Oct. 4. God's Hand Over Egypt. Exodus 19:4,5.
W., Oct. 5. God Raised Up Leaders. Judges 2:16-18.
T., Oct. 6. God vs. Babylon. Jeremiah 50:1-10.
F., Oct. 7. The Climax of History. Revelation 11:15-17.
S., Oct. 8. God Rules Forever. Psalm 66:5-7.
Sun., Oct. 9. Topic—God's Hand in History. Exodus 3:7,8; 14:21-28.
M., Oct. 10. Jesus' Church Habit. Luke 4:14-16.
T., Oct. 11. A Divine Command. Deuteronomy 12:5-7.
W., Oct. 12. The Apostle's Example. Luke 24:52,53.

- T., Oct. 13. Worship Necessary. Psalm 99.
F., Oct. 14. The Early Church. Acts 2:42-47.
S., Oct. 15. Worship in God's House. Psalm 122:1-9.
Sun., Oct. 16. Topic—Attend Church Regularly. Hebrews 10:25a.
M., Oct. 17. Compel Them to Come. Luke 14:21-23.
T., Oct. 18. Provide Financial Support. I Corinthians 16:1-4.
W., Oct. 19. A Teaching Ministry. Colossians 3:12-17.
T., Oct. 20. A Growing Church. Acts 12:24,25.
F., Oct. 21. A Witnessing Church. I Thessalonians 1:5-10.
S., Oct. 22. Tell It. Isaiah 45:21-25.
Sun., Oct. 23. Topic—Reach Out through Your Church. Acts 1:8.
M., Oct. 24. Standing for Christ. Acts 4:13-20.
T., Oct. 25. The Martyr. Acts 7:54-60.
W., Oct. 26. The Cost to Paul. II Corinthians 11:23-33.
T., Oct. 27. Nehemiah's Courage. Nehemiah 6:11-16.
F., Oct. 28. Following Jesus. John 15:20-16:2.
S., Oct. 29. An Exile for the Gospel. Revelation 1:1,2,9.
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W., Sept. 28. All One. Galatians 3:26-29.

- T., Sept. 29. The Bond of Peace. Ephesians 4:3.
F., Sept. 30. A Plea for Unity. I Corinthians 12:13.
S., Oct. 1. One Fold. John 10:16.
Sun., Oct. 2. Topic—The Ecumenical Relationship. Matthew 26:26-29; Luke 14:22-26; 17:20,21. (World-Wide Communion Sunday)
M., Oct. 3. Peter Confesses Christ. Matthew 16:13.
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T., Oct. 6. Thomas Confesses Christ. John 20:24.
F., Oct. 7. Nathaniel Confesses Christ. John 1:43.
S., Oct. 8. An Ethiopian Confesses Christ. Acts 8:26-39.
Sun., Oct. 9. Topic — Confession of Obedience. Romans 10:9,10; Matthew 10:32,33; 16:19.
M., Oct. 10. Serve as Christians. Colossians 3:23.
T., Oct. 11. Ye Are God's Servants. I Corinthians 7:24.
W., Oct. 12. Service and Honor. John 12:17.
T., Oct. 13. Joy in Service. Psalm 124.
F., Oct. 14. Love Demands Service. John 21:15.
S., Oct. 15. Unto Others. Matthew 25:37.
Sun., Oct. 16.—Topic — Service for Others. Romans 12:1; Matthew 20:28; I Timothy 1:12.
M., Oct. 17. Let's Go to God's House. Psalm 134.
T., Oct. 18. God's Doorkeeper. Psalm 84.
W., Oct. 19. Mutual Encouragement. Deuteronomy 1:5.
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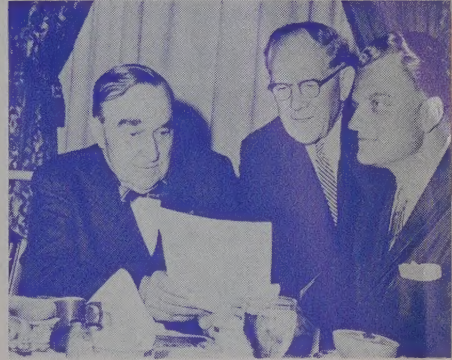


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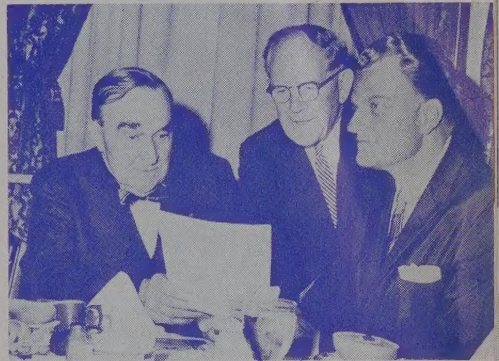


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